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Report of SA [REDACTED] 5-21-70, at Cleveland

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REPORT OF SPECIAL AGENT
[REDACTED] DATED
MAY 28, 1970, AT CLEVELAND,
OHIO, CAPTIONED "UNSUBS;
FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC
BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
(KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY 2, 1970"

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HAROLD LAWSON SCOBIE furnished the following information:

He resides in Wright Hall, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, and is a photographer for the Kent State University (KSU) newspaper, "The Kent Stater."

On May 2, 1970, he had just arrived on campus from his parents' residence in Richfield, Ohio, and was walking past the ROTC building on the Commons when he saw that a large group of people was milling around the Commons.

He went to his room in Wright Hall to obtain his camera. After he obtained the camera, he began taking pictures of a large group of people which he estimated at 500 to 1,000 persons, which group was walking toward Tri-Towers on the campus. This group then walked toward the Commons, and he remained in Wright Hall.

At approximately 8:30 PM he looked out his window and saw what he believed to be some smoke coming from the area of the Commons near the ROTC building.

SCOBIE left the building and started to proceed toward the ROTC building when he passed someone on the Commons who told him that he should not go near the ROTC building because there were police on the campus and that he might get shot. He did not go near the ROTC building, but instead walked over to a shed located near the tennis courts on the Commons. This shed was burning intensely, and at this time he noticed a lot of people standing around in the trees near the Commons while another group of people had formed a bucket brigade and was attempting to put out the fire in the shed.

Shortly afterwards, he walked behind Engleman Hall between the Education Building and Moulton Hall. At this time he saw a large group of people running towards the Commons shouting that the National Guard was coming. He could see flames coming from the area of the ROTC building on the campus. It appeared that the ROTC building was burning intensely.

On 5/19/70 at Kent, Ohio File # Cleveland 98-2140
by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/20/70

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SCOTT then walked back by the tennis courts near MAYNOR HALL and noticed that the man was still running and then returned to his dormitory, Wright Hall, where he shot several pictures of the fire from the window of his dormitory, which is located some distance from the site of the fire.

His pictures were taken from such a distance that no details could be ascertained relative to the fire.

The following description was obtained through JACK TOWN and observation:

NAME	WILLIAM LAWTON SCOTT
SEX	Male
RACE	White
DATE	February 28, 1948, Cleveland, Ohio
Height	5' 11"
Weight	150 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Occupation	Student, 1948
Residence	3636 Broadway Road, Baltimore, Ohio
Telephone	659-6794

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[REDACTED], telephone number [REDACTED] was interviewed regarding the firing of the ROTC Building and shootings at Kent State University on May 2 and May 4, 1970, and furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] advised that he is a graduate student majoring in Public Administration. He stated that on Saturday, May 2, 1970, he was answering telephones in the Rumor Control Center which was maintained in the Administration Student Activity Center at Kent State University. [REDACTED] advised that along with himself was [REDACTED], a Kent State University undergraduate student; [REDACTED] a Kent State University graduate assistant; [REDACTED] Kent State University; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he answered telephones and furnished information to individuals requesting same and that he kept in touch with events on Saturday by contacting the Administration Building at Extension 2770. He further stated that he had a police radio and he monitored the transmissions of the Kent City and Campus Security Force and through this monitor was able to keep abreast of events.

[REDACTED] stated that on Saturday he did not actually answer telephone calls but worked in the Rumor Control Center and on Sunday he manned telephones at extensions 2480, 2481, and 2483. [REDACTED] advised that any rumors received via telephonic communication were logged and names of callers were noted. He stated most of the complaints and rumors came from female callers and primarily most of the calls requested information and did not furnish any information for the Control Center.

On 5-19-70at Kent, OhioFile # CV 98-2140by SA [REDACTED] MPK:tjtDate dictated 5-20-70

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██████████ advised one of the major problems both on Saturday and Sunday was that the center did not have much information and had to call to the Administration Building to keep abreast of campus events.

██████████ stated that a group, most of whom were members of the Student Rights Party (SRP) manned their own Rumor Control Center in the Student Activity Center and were trying to decrease the effectiveness of his operation. ██████████ stated that the SRP is a legitimate body on campus, are basically anti-administration, and they occupy the offices of the Student Activity Board and the Major Events Committee offices, both of which are located in the Student Activities Center.

██████████ stated any calls that were logged were noted on two or three sheets of manila note paper and copies of these reports could be secured from ██████████

██████████ further stated that the Rumor Control Center closed at 1:00 AM, May 4, 1970. He stated that the Control Center's operation was effective and that both faculty and students, along with town residents, called and were most sincere in furnishing or requesting information regarding the events on campus on Saturday and Sunday, May 2 and 3, 1970.

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[REDACTED] Ohio,
furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] advised that she is the mother of [REDACTED] who was arrested previously at Kent State University (1969). She stated that [REDACTED] left the Saturday before the interview taking his sleeping bag and saying he was going to California to go camping.

He did not know when he was going to come back. She could furnish no information beyond this regarding his whereabouts.

On 5-18-70 at [REDACTED] Ohio File # CV 93-2340
by [REDACTED] REB:cjt Date dictated 5-22-70

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[REDACTED] the father of [REDACTED] advised that to the best of his knowledge, his son [REDACTED] was now on his way to California to try and locate his wife, who moved somewhere in California after [REDACTED] was incarcerated due to his activities in 1969 at Kent State University.

[REDACTED] advised that his son had mentioned that he might possibly go camping with an individual he called [REDACTED] identity unknown to Mr. [REDACTED] and that he just wanted to unwind after having spent six months in jail. Mr. [REDACTED] also made known that he had in his possession a diary of his son's activities and whereabouts during the period May 1 - 4, 1970.

[REDACTED] advised that his son told him that he was not in Kent, Ohio, during the activities, because he did not want to be associated with them and definitely did not want to be placed in prison again. [REDACTED] advised that he is his son's lawyer and would definitely recommend to his son that he not say anything to the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning the activities at KES and destruction of property in the town of Kent on May 1, 1970.

He also advised that when his son contacts him from California, which he is supposed to do, he will advise his son that the Federal Bureau of Investigation would like to talk with him as soon as possible.

On 5/21/70 at Akron, Ohio

File # CV 98-2140

by SA [REDACTED]

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Based on information furnished by [redacted] Ohio, which he furnished to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Yonerville, Ohio, Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] accompanied by Kent State University (KSU) Police Department [redacted] went to Kent State University Johnson Hall deck area and found in a top right-hand shelf, bearing the name "General Nick", a broken Kodak Instamatic film cartridge. It was noted that there was no film contained in this broken cartridge.

The shelf that the film was located in was described by [redacted] and on May 10, 1970, he gave his permission and direction to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to locate the film.

On - 5/10/70 at Kent, Ohio File # Cleveland 93-2140

by SA [redacted] RJH/cc Date dictated 5/15/70

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[redacted]
Ohio, advised that she is the [redacted]
[redacted] Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio. She
was employed in this capacity on May 2 - 4, 1970, and was
in Terrace Hall Saturday evening, when the ROTC Building was
set on fire. She stated that several kids came into the building
after receiving small doses of tear gas and girls were screaming
and people in general were running around and talking about the
disturbances on campus.

She indicated that shortly after hearing that the ROTC
Building had been set on fire, she went out the rear door of the
cafeteria at Terrace Hall and after walking toward the crest of
the hill by the corner of the tennis courts, she could clearly
see the flames from the ROTC Building. She was walking back
towards Terrace Hall when five male students were running up the
hill west of Terrace Hall in the direction of [redacted]. She
recognized one of the students as [redacted] (last name unrecalled),
and the four other individuals with him are associates of his.
They came towards her and upon seeing that she was accompanied
by her husband, they continued running and headed toward the
direction of the ROTC Building fire. They were shouting slogans
and expressions, and were constantly talking about "the pigs".
It appears as though the five of them were going towards the
ROTC Building and probably had not been there that evening before
this time.

These individuals, specifically [redacted] have frequently
eaten in the cafeteria at Terrace Hall, and all of them have
caused small incidents in the cafeteria regarding complaints
about food and opposition to cafeteria policy.

[redacted] mentioned above, is known to [redacted] as
[redacted] and he has recently been made the food and housing
representative of Houlton Hall on campus. He is a White male,
long sandy hair, slender build, and is approximately 5'8" tall.
One of his associates is also a White male, who is at least 6'
tall, slender build, and this person has long blond hair and
wears plain glasses. [redacted] advised she could identify these
individuals by photograph, although she has no information to

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indicate that they were involved in the burning of the ROTC building. They were seen running towards that direction at approximately 8:30 to 8:45 PM that evening.

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[REDACTED] College Towers
Apartment 1200 Rhodes, Kent, Ohio, advised that one [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] is an occupant of apartment [REDACTED] College Towers.
He stated that he had no idea whatever of whether or not
[REDACTED] was still at that location.

On 5/15/70 at [REDACTED] Ohio File # CY 98-2140

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/17/70

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[REDACTED] Kent, Ohio,
[REDACTED] Food Service at Terrace Hall, Kent State University
(KSU), was interviewed at Terrace Hall. [REDACTED] recalls
the burning of two buildings on campus Saturday, May 2, 1970,
and he specifically recalls that, contrary to newspaper articles,
the equipment shed near the Commons was set on fire before the
ROTC Building, and he watched the equipment shed burn from Terrace
Hall before the fire started in the ROTC Building.

[REDACTED] could not furnish any information regarding
individuals responsible for setting fire to the ROTC Building,
and he indicated that he was not present on campus to see the
demonstrators and the shooting which took place on Monday,
May 4, 1970.

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by SA [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] College Towers Apartments, Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and that the interviewing Agent wished to determine if there is anyone living on the fifth floor of the College Towers Apartments from Canton, Ohio. [REDACTED] furnished the following voluntary information:

[REDACTED] advised that by checking the rental agreements in the files of the College Towers Apartments he could determine if anyone living on the fifth floor of College Towers Apartments, 1819 Rhodes Road, Kent, Ohio, is from Canton, Ohio. [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] examined the rental records of the College Towers Apartments for all apartments on the fifth floor of the College Towers Apartments. No record could be located indicating that any of the tenants living on the fifth floor of the College Towers Apartments is from Canton, Ohio.

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[REDACTED], who resides at that address with [REDACTED] was interviewed concerning his knowledge of the incidents which took place at Kent State University campus from May 1, 1970 to May 4, 1970. [REDACTED] advised that he was no longer a student at Kent State University and consequently very seldom went to the Kent State University campus.

He advised that the only personal knowledge he had concerning the incidents on the campus was that he went to the campus out of curiosity on the evening of May 2, 1970, after hearing over the radio that the ROTC building had been burned. He advised that by the time he arrived on campus that the ROTC building was burned to the ground and that everyone had departed the area. He also advised that he had passed through the town of Kent to see the damage which was done to the business district but had not stopped.

He stated that he knew no more information but that if he learned something in the future, he would contact the FBI.

On 5/19/70 at [REDACTED] Ohio File # Cleveland 98-2140
by SA [REDACTED] EMK/cc Date dictated 5/22/70

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A. PETER CHARLES BLEIK

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Date 5-27-70

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Ohio, furnished the following free and voluntary statement:

"May 25, 1970
Kent, Ohio

"I, [REDACTED] Ohio, make this free and voluntary statement to Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I am a senior at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, majoring in speech. I am 21 years of age and was born September 7, 1948, at Cleveland, Ohio.

"I have observed a group photograph designated as Z-8, which was displayed to me by Special Agent [REDACTED] and was one photograph in a series of numerous similar-type photographs. In photograph Z-8 is an individual designated as number two, who was wearing dark trousers, dark shirt and has a jacket hanging on his right shoulder. I have previously observed other photographs of this same individual and believe him to be identical to the person I observed on the evening of May 2, 1970, throw a gasoline-soaked rag into the ROTC building located on the Kent State University Campus. This gasoline-soaked rag had been ignited before it was thrown into the building. In observing photograph number Z-8, I have observed another individual who was located in the center left quarter of the photograph. This individual is bare headed, has a beard and is wearing a shirt opened at the neck, under which appears to be another horizontal striped t-shirt. Special Agent [REDACTED] has identified this individual as number three on photograph Z-8.

"The unknown person who has been designated number three in photograph Z-8 positively is identical to the person I observed throwing the flaming gasoline-soaked rag into the ROTC building on May 2, 1970.

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"I have read the above statement consisting of this page and one other. I have initialed these pages and all corrections. This statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [REDACTED]

"Witnesses

"/s/ [REDACTED] Special Agent, FBI, Akron, O., 5/25/70
"/s/ [REDACTED] Special Agent, FBI, Akron, Ohio, 5/25/70

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[REDACTED] Ohio, viewed photographs taken in the vicinity of Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, during the period May 1-4, 1970, and made the following identifications and remarks:

PHOTOGRAPHIDENTIFICATION

A1-1

[REDACTED]

A47-2

Individual placing ignited gasoline-soaked rag into ROTC Building, KSU, 5-2-70

A74-1

" " " "

C81-3

[REDACTED]

C82-4

Individual placing ignited gasoline-soaked rag into ROTC Building, KSU, 5-2-70

F2-5

[REDACTED]

F5-2

[REDACTED]

F13-1

[REDACTED]

F13-6

"FARGO" KSU student and Negro poet

F43-3

[REDACTED]

F45-6

[REDACTED]

F60-2

"FARGO", KSU student, Negro poet

F88-2

[REDACTED]

F108-4

[REDACTED]

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PHOTOGRAPH

IDENTIFICATION

Z7-3



Z8-3

Individual placing ignited
gasoline-soaked rag into ROTC
Building, KSU, 5-2-70

Z11-1

" " " "

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Ohio, furnished the following free and voluntary statement:

"May 25, 1970
Kent, Ohio

"I [REDACTED] Ohio, make this free and voluntary statement to Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I am a senior at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, majoring in speech. I am 21 years of age and was born September 7, 1948, at Cleveland, Ohio.

"I have observed a series of photographs displayed to me by Special Agent [REDACTED] one of which is designated as A-47. In this photograph, located in the right center, is an individual who is barechested, and his shirt is hanging from around his waist. This person is designated as number 2 in photograph A-47.

"The person bearing designation number 2 in photograph A-47 is identical to the person whom I observed throw a lighted gasoline-soaked rag into the ROTC Building located on the Kent State University campus, on May 2, 1970.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this one page. I have initialed this page and all corrections. This statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [REDACTED]

"Witnesses

"/s/ [REDACTED]

"/s/ [REDACTED]

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Special Agent, FBI, Akron, O. 5/25/70
Special Agent FBI Cleveland, O.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SAs [REDACTED] JR. and [REDACTED], JR., on May 26,
1970:

AT KENT AND RAVENNA, OHIO

[REDACTED], Records Office, Bowman Hall, Kent
State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, advised that his records
reflect that PETER CHARLES BLANK transferred during Spring
Quarter 1970 to KSU from Monroe Community College, Rochester,
New York. BLANK attended Monroe Community College from 1968
to 1970. He is a last quarter Sophomore at KSU and had 90
quarter hours transferred from Monroe Community College.

BLANK was born April 11, 1948, at Rochester, New York.
His campus address is Moulton Hall, KSU. His home address is
34 Highwood Road, Rochester, New York. He has Social Security
Number 053-40-4812. His parents are GERALD A. and CLARA M.
BLANK, 34 Highwood Road, Rochester, New York. BLANK attended Eastridge
High School, Rochester, New York, where he graduated in June,
1966.

[REDACTED], Portage County Sheriff's
Office, Ravenna, Ohio, advised that he could locate no record
for PETER CHARLES BLANK.

[REDACTED] Patrolman, Kent, Ohio, Police
Department, advised that he could locate no record in his files
for PETER CHARLES BLANK.

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B. DOUGLAS CHARLES CORMACK

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F. [REDACTED]

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Date May 18, 1970

[REDACTED]

Ohio, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents. [REDACTED] furnished the following voluntary signed statement:

"Hudson, Ohio
5/14/70
12:45 P.M.

"I, [REDACTED], furnish the following statement to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I am a senior at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio and am 22 years old and reside [REDACTED] Ohio. I am presently [REDACTED] Ohio. My residence in Kent, Ohio is [REDACTED] Kent, Ohio, also known as College Towers.

"On May 8, 1970 (Friday) about 3:30 P.M. I returned to my apartment at College Towers to obtain some clothes because I have been living at my home in [REDACTED] Ohio because of the recent trouble at Kent State University (KSU). On May 8, 1970 when I was coming down an elevator in College Towers from the 7th. floor, the elevator stopped on the 5th floor, and a white, male, age about 19, height 5'10"-5'11", average build, poor teeth, bad complexion, long light brown straggley hair, reaching half down his neck, got on to the elevator. This person was wearing a long vest type garment and bell bottom jeans.

"This man said he had just come from his brother's apartment. He further stated that one of his friends had just got 'busted'. The man told me that 'they' had pictures and films of his brother and friends. 'They' also had picture of his brother leading the demonstration. I do not know what demonstration he was referring to.

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SA [REDACTED]

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"This man and I walked out of the College Towers and he asked me for a ride to Main St. in Kent, Ohio. I told him I would take him there. He further continued his conversation and said he did not live in Kent, Ohio that he lived in Canton, Ohio and he just came up Friday May 1, 1970 to visit his brother in College Towers.

"The man further stated 'they' had questioned his brother and friends but had not caught up with him yet. I believe at this point the man said his brother and his friends were glad he came to Kent because he could be more involved because he was not a student at Kent State University (KSU). The man said his brother was a student at KSU.

"I asked him how he was involved in all of this and he said that he was afraid 'they' had him on film of crawling into a window of the ROTC building on the KSU campus on May 2, 1970. He further stated that his friends and others had started the fire from the outside of the building and since he wasn't from Kent, Ohio he went into the inside of the building to start the fire from the inside.

"I did mention I had a roommate from Canton Ohio and I asked him if he would know her, and he stated he went to McKinley High School and lives in South Canton, Ohio. The man stated he did not know my roommate from Canton, Ohio but asked me to ask her if she knew him and he said his first name was [REDACTED] and said two of his brother's names, but I cannot recall their names.

"I left him off at the corner of Main St and Rt. 43, downtown Kent, Ohio about 3:40 PM May 8, 1970.

"I have read this statement consisting of this page and two other pages. I have initialed the other two pages and all corrections. I now sign this statement because it is true.

"/s/ 5/14/70 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Special Agent FBI Cleveland, Ohio 5/14/70
[REDACTED] Special Agent FBI Cleveland, Ohio 5/14/70"

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The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name: [REDACTED]
Alias: [REDACTED]
Sex: Female
Race: White
Date of Birth: February 14, 1948
Height: 5'2"
Weight: 105 pounds
Residence: [REDACTED] Ohio
Telephone: [REDACTED]
Occupation: Student
Employment: Kent State University
(senior)
Marital Status: Single
Address at KSU: [REDACTED]
College Towers Apartment
Kent, Ohio

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[REDACTED]

Canton, Ohio, voluntarily viewed photographs taken at disturbances on the Kent State University (KSU) campus, Kent, Ohio, from May 1, 1970 through May 4, 1970. These photographs are in the possession of the FBI and [REDACTED] viewed these photographs at the Administration Building, KSU campus, and furnished the following statement concerning a person he observed in these photographs:

"May 26, 1970
Kent, Ohio

"I, [REDACTED] make the following voluntary statement to [REDACTED] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

[REDACTED]

"During the night of May 2, 1970, I was in a large crowd of people on the Kent State University Campus, Kent, Ohio. This group of people numbering about 1000 was marching around the Kent State campus and ended up at the ROTC building on the Kent State Campus. Prior to arriving at the ROTC building the crowd of people walked past a construction site near the Tri-Tower complex on the KSU campus. When the crowd of people walked by the construction site about five to ten people who were in front of the crowd instructed the crowd to stop and pick up rocks and stones.

"I was standing next to a white male, curly black hair, black beard about 5'9" in

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height, husky build wearing an army jacket. This person acted like a leader because he was with the other leaders in front of the crowd. This person said to the crowd something to the effect "Come on pick up some rocks. The people in the crowd began picking up rocks. The crowd continued on to the ROTC building. I again saw this same person briefly near the ROTC building. I did not see him throw anything at the ROTC building.

"Today, May 26, 1970 I viewed photographs of disturbances on the KSU campus from May 1, 1970 through May 4, 1970. I identified this person I described above in these pictures which are in the possession of the FBI. I identified this person in picture C-12 standing in the middle of the picture looking to the left of the picture. I identified this person also in picture C-13 standing to the right of the picture bending forward and wiping his right eye. I also identified this person in picture C-14 resting on the ground on his left side looking to the left side of the picture.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this page and one other page. I have initialed the other page and I now sign this statement because it is true.

"/s/ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Special Agent FBI Cleveland, Ohio

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[REDACTED] Special Agent, FBI, Cleveland, Ohio
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[REDACTED] was located for interview
[REDACTED] Ohio.

[REDACTED] is advised of the official capacity of the interviewing Agents, and he was orally advised of his rights. He read same, however declined to execute a Warning and Waiver of Rights. [REDACTED] advised he fully understood his Constitutional Rights and had no objection to the interview.

[REDACTED] advised he was desirous of furnishing full information regarding his involvement in the burning of the ROTC building on the Kent State University (KSU) campus, Kent, Ohio, May 2, 1970, and indicated he would freely and voluntarily accompany the interviewing Agents to Kent, Ohio, for the purpose of furnishing a signed statement.

[REDACTED] was transported to Kent, Ohio, where the following signed statement was prepared and signed by [REDACTED] at Kent, Ohio:

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May 26, 1970
Kent, Ohio

I, [REDACTED] freely and voluntarily furnish the following statement to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the FBI.

I have been orally advised of my rights by Special Agent [REDACTED] and I have read same; however, I declined to sign a warning and waiver of rights, which constitutional rights I fully understand, but freely and voluntarily furnish the following statement:

[REDACTED]

I currently reside with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ohio, and I have freely and voluntarily traveled to Kent, Ohio, to make this statement. I understand I am not under arrest and no threats or promises have been made in order that I make this statement.

On May 2, 1970, Saturday, I traveled from Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, alone to Kent, Ohio, arriving at approximately 1 PM. Upon my arrival, I went to the [REDACTED]

residence of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Kent, Ohio. The previous listed persons, along with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who is from Akron, Ohio, were at the residence. At the time I arrived, there were approximately eight other white males at the house whose names I do not know; however, I recognized some of these individuals as residents of Canton, Ohio.

At approximately 6 o'clock, I "dropped three hits" of LSD at the house, [REDACTED] and at approximately the same time, [REDACTED], who is a white male who resides at Peninsula, Ohio, arrived at the house.

[REDACTED] a high school student and attends school in or near Peninsula, Ohio. Shortly after [REDACTED] arrival, he and I and two unknown friends of [REDACTED] white males, also of Peninsula, Ohio, walked from the house to downtown Kent, Ohio. However, we returned to the house after a short period of time, which was approximately 7 o'clock, in order that we could drive to the Kent State University campus.

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[REDACTED] and I and his four friends drove out to the Tri-Towers in his 1970 green Maverick. At about 7:55 PM, a group of approximately 300 to 500 individuals came to the Tri-Towers where [REDACTED] and I joined them enroute in a group to the ROTC building, Kent State campus. The group appeared to be led by five or six white males who seemed to know right where they were going. These individuals were all white males with long hair between the ages of 19 and 23, names unknown, however, all had been seen by me in the Kent area prior to this date, and I feel certain I can identify all of them should I see them again. The group stopped at a construction site, and this stopping appeared to be pre-planned by the leaders; and at this time, these leaders instructed all of us to pick up rocks. I picked up four rocks, and as the group then proceeded toward the ROTC building I gave two of them away.

At approximately 8:15 PM, the entire group arrived at the ROTC building, and I observed a small group in the driveway with Jerry Rupe holding an American flag on a stick over his head. The flag was thrown on the ground, and Jerry set fire to it; and at approximately

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this same time, someone in the background threw a rock into a window of the ROTC building. I do not know who threw the first rock, however, I do recall the organizers or leaders saying at this point, "something had to be done or the riot would die," and I feel when they made this statement they meant the ROTC building would have to be burned. I noted at this time a photographer who was attempting to take pictures and he was physically assaulted by Jerry Rupe and approximately 20 other individuals, and this photographer's film and camera were taken from him and destroyed.

I had noted in the crowd [REDACTED] his girlfriend [REDACTED] from the house. At approximately the same time, an unknown white male walked up to the side of the ROTC building; lit a flare and dropped same into the building through a broken window. I threw two rocks, the first of which went over the ROTC building, and the other went through a window. At this time, the flare which was thrown into the window glowed and the police officers and firemen arrived on the scene. The officers and the firemen got stoned as they were taking out their hoses; and at this point,

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I and many others pulled on the hoses and stretched them out, and unknown individuals cut the hoses with knives they were carrying. I did observe [REDACTED] cutting the fire hose with a knife he had strapped in a sheath to his leg.

I did not have a knife and did not cut any of the fire hoses myself.

I was standing by two parked motorcycles on the driveway on the Commons side of the ROTC building following the cutting of the hose, and a white male dipped rags in the gas tank of one of the motorcycles; kept one rag and handed me the other; however, I did not keep it but merely passed it on to an individual I could identify if I saw him again, and he and the "dipper" took the rags; lit them; and dropped them in the corner window of the ROTC building. I would describe the individual who dipped the rags into the gasoline tanks as a white male; 5'11"; 165 lbs.; blond, long hair, curly; having a mustache and short blond goatee; age approximately 20; wearing Army field jacket with red fist on the back; black Levi's; black greasy "biker's" boots. I felt this individual was one of the leaders, and I can identify him should I see him again. I would describe the individual who I handed

[REDACTED]

the gasoline rag to as a white male; age 19; 5'10"; reddish-brown hair, almost shoulder length; no beard or mustache; 145 lbs.; slender build; wearing cream-colored windbreaker jacket and striped bell-bottom trousers. I also noted approximately ten other individuals around the motorcycles at the time the rags were dipped in the gasoline, and it is possible that some of these individuals might have also dipped rags into the gas tanks of the motorcycles; however, I did not personally observe anyone else dipping rags into the gasoline.

I ran to the other side of the ROTC building; noted policemen coming my way; ran back; and at this time, the individual I had handed the gasoline rag to was standing at the window after having dropped same into the building. I ran down the side of the building and noted police officers coming my way. I turned around and ran back to the end of the building, and at a window on the end of the building where no rags had been dropped I and the individual who I had handed the gasoline rag to tore the screen from the window and broke out the window with our bare fists as we felt the fire needed air. The individual with me tore down the drapes by reaching through the

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window and threw them on the floor where the room was burning. This individual and I stood at the window and watched a telephone burning on the desk. I have observed a map of the Kent State University campus; noted the fire was started by dropping gasoline rags in a window on the northeast side near the east corner, and the window we broke out was on the southeast end near the east corner.

I did observe Jerry Rupe throw two milk containers, metal, through the ROTC building windows, and the other unknown individuals throw a metal trash barrel through the window.

At this time, the entire group moved away from the ROTC building toward the archery shed, and I would estimate that this was approximately 9 to 9:15. [REDACTED] I did not enter the ROTC building during this period of time, and I did not observe any other individual inside the building. At the archery shed, I observed same being torn down and set afire and the same group of people who appeared to be the leaders set this shed on fire.

I and the rest of the group, which would have been approximately 500, moved from the Commons area toward Main Street, and I noted Jerry Rupe still in the [REDACTED]

crowd, and the group moved along smashing windows with rocks and other items. At this time, I heard shouts, "The Guard is coming," and the group moved back toward the ROTC building; and upon my arrival with the group, I noted the ROTC building was engulfed in flames.

I returned to the Tri-Towers Dormitory, and it was approximately 11 PM, and I stayed there until

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who had been at the Tri-Towers with me. At the time we arrived, [REDACTED] and his girlfriend [REDACTED] were at the house, and I was told [REDACTED] and his friends had already left town. I know [REDACTED] to have formerly been a student, art major, at Akron University; and Jerry Rupe formerly lived in Miami, Florida, and none of the group, including myself, who I know, are now students at Kent State University.

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I have read this statement
consisting of this page and eight
others. It is true and correct. I
have initialed each page, top & bottom
and all corrections.

[REDACTED]

5/22/70

Witnessed by:

[REDACTED]

Special Agent, FBI
Special Agent, FBI. [Signature]
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In addition [REDACTED] furnished the following information with regard to his activities at Kent, Ohio, as a means of further identifying individuals with whom he had contact, and information regarding Kent, Ohio.

He stated he travelled to Kent, Ohio, on the afternoon of May 2, 1970, with an unknown individual driving a late model vehicle with New York license plates; and this individual advised that the ROTC building at KSU was going to be burned. This individual indicated he was a student at KSU and [REDACTED] could provide no descriptive information other than this individual was a white male.

He stated [REDACTED] from Peninsula, Ohio, could be identified by contacting [REDACTED] and also high school students at Peninsula, Ohio, friends of [REDACTED]

He also advised that at the time of the rioting, he received information from an unknown white female from a communication center called "Student Defense," located in Room 559 of College Towers. He stated this center was for the purpose of providing free legal counsel and assistance to any individual arrested in connection with the Kent disturbances.

He further advised that on the night of May 2, 1970, he heard [REDACTED] and JERRY RUPE bragging that they had rung the bell in the Commons prior to the group marching to the Tri-Towers dorm at approximately 8:00 PM and they stated they had shouted "Let's go to Tri-Towers."

[REDACTED] freely and voluntarily gave verbal permission for his photograph to be taken and same was accomplished at this time.

The following descriptive information was obtained from [REDACTED] through observation and interview:

Name:
Age:
Race:
Sex:
Date of Birth:
Place of Birth:

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Height:
Weight:
Hair:

Education:

Residence:

Employment:
Military Service:

Relatives:
Father:

Mother:

Grandparents:

Brothers:

Sister:

At the conclusion of the interview, [REDACTED]
was transported by SA [REDACTED] to Kent, Ohio,
to Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, at his request, and was left in
the vicinity of Second Street and Route 59, Cuyahoga Falls,
Ohio.

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RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BURNING
OF THE ROTC BUILDING

G. THOMAS D. MILLER

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[REDACTED] was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents. [REDACTED] voluntarily agreed to furnish the following information to the interviewing Agents:

[REDACTED] advised that AGUIAS, of Apartment 103, Dubetz Apartments, 134 West Summit; ALAN CONROY, Apartment 204, Dubetz Apartments, TOM GRACE, Apartment 204, Dubetz Apartments, JIM LNU (Last Name Unknown), roommate of TOM GRACE, Apartment 204, had advised her that they smoked "pot". She also advised that the above individuals had made statements to her to the effect that they were against the United States Government. She also advised that she considered these individuals as radicals.

She advised that these individuals had made several statements to her concerning the use of dope and "pot", but she stated that she had not been in their presence when using any type of drug or any type of dope or "pot".

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by SA [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents. [REDACTED] voluntarily agreed to furnish the following information to the interviewing Agents:

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] and AQUINAS, of 134 West Summit Street, used "pot" and would be considered radicals. She also advised that she had never been in their presence when they were using "pot". She advised that AQUINAS was a weird acting individual but that she would consider him as a non-violent individual. She also advised that the individuals living at the above address were against the Establishment.

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H. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], Kent, Ohio, voluntarily appeared at the Kent State University (KSU) Administration Building at approximately 9:00 AM and requested to speak to Special Agents of the FBI regarding his knowledge of the incidents which took place on the KSU campus on Saturday, May 2, 1970.

[REDACTED] advised that he had just returned to Kent from Santa Barbara, California at 2:00 AM and several of his friends had indicated that the FBI was attempting to locate him for interview.

At the outset of the interview, [REDACTED] was presented a Rights and Waiver of Rights form, which he read, stated he understood, and signed. He indicated he was fully agreeable to being interviewed by the FBI and in giving an account of his activities on May 2, 1970.

[REDACTED] advised he is a freshman at KSU and is majoring in English with the intention of becoming a writer.

Regarding his activities on May 2, 1970, [REDACTED] furnished the following signed statement:

"Kent, Ohio
May 20, 1970

"I [REDACTED] have voluntarily appeared at the Kent State University Administration Building to be interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation because I understand that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has made inquiries to locate me. At the outset of the interview I was presented a Rights and Waiver of Rights form which I read, fully understood, and signed. I furnish the following signed statement, being aware that I am not under arrest and I do it freely and voluntarily without coercion.

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"I am aware of the identities of [redacted]
[redacted] as Special Agents of the FBI. I am 22 years
of age and am a sophomore at Kent State University.

"On Friday, May 1, 1970 I went to Akron,
Ohio to see the movie "All the Loving Couples."
I went with [redacted] (last name unknown),
and [redacted] (last name unknown), and we drove in
[redacted] late model Ford Torino.

"We returned after the movie to [redacted] house
where I stayed over night. The two girls went
home.

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"Saturday morning, I got up at around
noon and called [redacted] from [redacted] house.
After that, I went home to the apartment I
rent, 421 N. Water St., #6.

"Shortly after arriving there I went for
a walk toward the Police Department as I was
interested in finding out what was happening
in town that day. I returned home after a short
walk.

"At approximately 3 or 4 PM [redacted] called
me at my apartment and we made arrangements to
go to Chippewa Lake in the Barberton, Ohio area
that evening. I was to pick her up at her house
at seven or eight o'clock.

"After I talked to [redacted] called
me to see if I wanted to go out that evening and
I told him I already had plans.

"I left my apartment at about 6:30 PM and went
to get a hamburger at the BBF restaurant on So.
Water St. in Kent, O. I had something to eat
inside that restaurant and proceeded in my 1955
Cadillac to PEGGY's house on 19th St. SW, Akron,
Ohio.

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"A [redacted] house I watched TV for about 1 hour and recall watching the show 'Teacher, Teacher' for a while. [redacted] brother and two friends were there also.

"We left [redacted] house in her car, leaving my car at her house, and went to [redacted] house at [redacted] on, O. Her last name is [redacted]. We waited for [redacted] to get ready and then the three of us went to Portage Lakes to meet a friend of [redacted]. I don't know this young man's name. We waited for him a while as he had to clean up, and while we were at his house we had several beers.

"All of us went to Chippewa Lake and Amusement Park with [redacted] driving her car and we first went to watch the band that was playing there. After watching the band, we went on a few rides in the park, with the 'snake' ride being last. The operator had to open the ride up for us as he had already closed down.

"We returned to the above mentioned young man's house, and all stayed there until approximately 6:30 AM. [redacted] and I returned about that time to Akron, Ohio. We dropped [redacted] off at her house and went to [redacted] house. There I picked up my car and came back to my apartment.

"I believe my roommate was at the apartment with his girl when I returned. I briefly spoke with them and then went to sleep. I stayed there until that afternoon around 4 PM when I saw [redacted] by the Dog House Restaurant.

"I believe that was the first time I had heard about the burning of the ROTC building on Kent State University campus on the evening of 5/2/70. [redacted] told me that when I talked to her.

"I was not on Kent State University campus on Saturday 5/2/70 and I was not present when the ROTC building was set on fire. I took no

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part in the burning of that building and do not know who set the building on fire.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and four (4) other pages; and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have initialed each correction, and the beginning and end of each page.

"signed: [REDACTED]

"Witness: [REDACTED]

, FBI 5/20/70 Kent, Ohio

, SA, FBI, 5/20/70 Kent, Ohio

, SA, FBI, 5/20/70, Kent, Ohio"

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[redacted], Ohio,
furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that the last time she had seen or talked to one [redacted] whom she described as being tall with a beard and strawberry blond hair, worn long, was when she and [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] went to Chippewa Lake Amusement Park near Medina, Ohio. At that time, [redacted] had been wearing a tan suede pants and a striped top of some color. [redacted] drove his car to [redacted] house. He and [redacted] then came to pick up [redacted] at her house. When they arrived, it was sometime between 8:00 and 9:00 p.m. The three of them then went to [redacted] house at Portage Lakes. All four of them then went in [redacted] car to Chippewa Lake. While they were there, they saw the last part of a group called the Ohio Express playing music for "WMIO Appreciation Day", which was an event staged by a local Akron radio station. They then had something to eat and took a few rides. The only ride she could name was the "Snake". They left the amusement park at 12:00 p.m.

From the amusement park all four persons went to [redacted] house where all four fell asleep. They left [redacted] house in the early morning of May 3, 1970. They drove to [redacted] house where [redacted] picked up his car and drove her home. She has not seen or spoken to [redacted] since that time.

She advised that she had known [redacted] for approximately one month, having met him at J. B.'s bar in Kent.

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[redacted], telephone [redacted], was interviewed concerning his son [redacted] and his present whereabouts. He advised that his son had traveled to New York with a good friend of his [redacted] to visit another close friend [redacted] who resides somewhere in New York. He advised that his son owns a 1968 Ford Torino, yellow in color, license unknown. [redacted] advised that his son was previously with the U. S. Army and was stationed at Cape Charles, Virginia and also Fort Meade, Maryland with an Army radar unit. He advised that [redacted] was discharged from the Army with 100% disability due to a nervous condition and he is presently under heavy medication for this condition.

He stated that [redacted] lives with two other young men at [redacted] Ohio, but he could not provide the names of the two individuals.

[redacted] advised that his son telephonically contacted him from New York and stated that [redacted] who [redacted] thought had accompanied his son to New York did not actually travel to the New York area with him but was dropped off along the Pennsylvania Turnpike, exact location unknown, in order to pick up his car which broke down while [redacted] was returning to the Kent, Ohio area on May 10, 1970, following his involvement in the rallies held at Washington, D.C., on May 9, 1970.

[redacted] also advised that his son was not on campus on Monday, May 4, 1970, as his grandfather had been critically ill and he spent the day with the family awaiting the outcome of his grandfather's condition. [redacted] also stated that [redacted] had informed him that he did not want to come to the Kent State University Campus as there was trouble there and he did not care to get involved in violence of any type.

[redacted] provided three photographs of his son [redacted] and described him as a white male, 6'2", 175 pounds, light brown hair, blue eyes, date of birth 11-16-45

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Army Service Number [REDACTED] duration of service
August, 1965 to August, 1968.

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[redacted] advised he was not on Kent State campus during the weekend of May 2-4, 1970. He stated he was in Akron, Ohio: first, at the City Hospital where his grandfather, [redacted] died and later at the wake at the Kucko Funeral Parlor at Waterloo Street, Akron.

[redacted] advised he has no information concerning anyone who might have set the fire at the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) building and has no information concerning any organizers or instigators who incited people to damage the ROTC building. He has no information concerning any statements made by any leaders urging abolition of the ROTC. He stated he has seen no leaflets or other literature on campus or off urging abolition of ROTC. He further advised he had no knowledge of any Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) or New Left leaders involved in the burning or of any local groups who might have burned the ROTC building.

[redacted] advised he is a friend of [redacted] and last saw him on May 11, 1970 when he dropped off at a highway where [redacted] stated he was going to hitchhike to California. [redacted] has no information concerning [redacted] current whereabouts but stated he believes he will return to Kent State in the near future.

[redacted] stated he was returning to Kent State on May 18, 1970 in his 1968 Ford Torino, Ohio license [redacted]. He advised that he could be located through his parents who reside at [redacted] Ohio.

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[REDACTED] was questioned concerning his knowledge of the incidents which took place on the Kent State University campus from May 1, 1970, to May 4, 1970. He advised that he was very much against violence of any type and, therefore, had pretty much stayed away from the activities at Kent State University. He stated that on Saturday, May 2, 1970, he had gone into the town of Kent to see the extent of the damage done on the evening of May 1, 1970, in the Kent business district. He stated that his grandfather was critically ill and in the hospital, which was another reason why he stayed away from the Kent State University campus and that he spent a great deal of time at the hospital. He advised that his mother, father and sisters could verify his presence at the hospital or at their residence during the activities at Kent State University.

He stated that he did not see or spend any time with [REDACTED] over the weekend of May 1-3, 1970, but that he did see [REDACTED] during the day on May 4, 1970, when [REDACTED] approached him concerning the possibility of some of the Kent State University students staying at [REDACTED] home until they could find some way of getting to their own homes after being told to leave the campus. [REDACTED] advised that his meeting with [REDACTED] was along the highway and that he [REDACTED] did not go near the campus on May 4, 1970.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stayed with him from May 11, 1970, to May 13, 1970, at which time [REDACTED] drove [REDACTED] to the intersection of Route 18 and Interstate 71, where [REDACTED] had intended to start hitchhiking to Santa Barbara, California to visit one of his friends. [REDACTED] also drove [REDACTED] to the Cleveland-Hopkins Airport after dropping off [REDACTED] where [REDACTED] was catching a flight to her residence in New York. [REDACTED] then drove to New York where he spent several days at Pace College. He advised that he has not seen [REDACTED] since dropping him off at Route 18 and Interstate 70, but in the event that [REDACTED] recontacts

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him in the near future he will contact the FBI and also advise [REDACTED] to do the same.

[REDACTED] also advised that during [REDACTED] stay with him, he, [REDACTED] mentioned that he had been on the Kent State University campus on Saturday, May 2, 1970, but had not stated whether it was during the day or night. [REDACTED] advised he could provide no further information at this time.

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was interviewed concerning his whereabouts and activities on Saturday, May 2, 1970. He advised that he was working as an [redacted] Saturday, May 2, 1970, and then had made arrangements to attend Radio Station WHIO Appreciation Day which was held at Chippewa Lake, Ohio, which is an amusement park. He stated that he was accompanied to the park by three of his friends, [redacted]. He stated that he was picked up at his residence by [redacted] and [redacted], who arrived at his home at approximately 7:00 PM, but that he had just gotten home from work and needed to shower and clean up in order to go to the amusement park.

He stated that upon his getting prepared to go out, [redacted] and he proceeded to the home of [redacted] and then drove to Chippewa Lake, arriving at the lake at approximately 10:15 PM.

He stated the four of them entered the park and then proceeded to the pavilion where several dance bands were performing, the names of which were unknown to him. He advised they then proceeded to take rides on several of the amusements, some of which were the Twirl-A-Whirl and the Snake. He stated they then proceeded to the concession stand, had something to eat and left the park around 12:00 midnight.

He then advised they stopped at his home and listened to records which [redacted] had previously brought to his residence. [redacted] advised they listened to records for several hours and then to the best of his knowledge, the four individuals fell asleep in his cellar and woke up at approximately 5:00 AM on May 3, 1970, at which time [redacted] drove the other two individuals to her home. He stated that to his understanding [redacted] had driven his car to the residence of [redacted] at which time [redacted] then drove [redacted] and herself to [redacted] home.

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 was asked if he could remember the clothing which  wore when attending the amusement park, at which time he advised that  was wearing a pair of suede trousers which  had designed and made himself and was also wearing what he believed was a blue and white striped shirt. He stated that the only reason he remembered  trousers was because he,  likes those particular trousers and was thinking about getting a pair of that type himself.

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[redacted]
Ohio, was interviewed concerning his giving [redacted] a ride to [redacted] residence at [redacted] Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, during the time [redacted] was under surveillance by agents of the FBI on May 10, 1970. [redacted] advised that he was traveling on Bath Road, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, when he saw [redacted] whom he immediately recognized due to the fact that he had him as a student all through high school and at which time [redacted] was an editor of the school paper. He advised that he was afraid that due to the demonstrations in the area and due to [redacted] appearance, extremely long hair and full beard, that he was afraid that someone might possibly come along the highway and attempt to assault [redacted] advised that he then proceeded to turn around and proceeded to [redacted] location and picked him up and drove him home. He stated that [redacted] had told him that he was in Washington, D.C. at the rally and also stated when asked about the Kent State University incident that he definitely was against the individuals who had gotten involved in violence as they were like the "ass holes" who supported JERRY RUBIN.

[redacted] did not mention anything to [redacted] about his leaving the area the following day for California. [redacted] advised that [redacted] had some of the radical ideas in high school but was also against violence and felt extremely strong about the civil rights of an individual. [redacted] advised he could not furnish any further information regarding [redacted]

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[REDACTED] was interviewed concerning his son [REDACTED] who may possibly have some information concerning the burning of the ROTC Building, on Saturday, May 2, 1970. [REDACTED] advised that his son [REDACTED] was last seen by him on May 10, 1970 at which time he visited his parents and discussed some of the activities which took place on the KSU campus. He also advised that [REDACTED] had informed him that he attended the rally held in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, May 9, 1970. [REDACTED] advised his father that he was going to travel to California and to stay for a period of about 2 to 3 weeks and then return to the Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio area. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] was very close friends with two young women who resided in College Towers located at [REDACTED] Kent, Ohio, and that to the best of his knowledge the girls names were [REDACTED]

He also advised that [REDACTED] had informed him that [REDACTED] had traveled with him to the demonstration in Washington, D.C. on May 9, 1970. [REDACTED] had told his father that during the weekend of the demonstration on Kent State University Campus that he had been staying with a close friend [REDACTED] Ohio, telephone number [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was shown a photo of the student demonstration held on the Kent State University Campus in April, 1970, in which he identified his son [REDACTED] as being the tall bearded individual holding one of the two middle supports for the sign which read "Bring all the GI's home now."

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had served in the U. S. Air Force, exact periods of service unknown and had attempted to commit suicide by taking 280 aspirin tablets and then had proceeded to cut his wrists. He also advised that his son was attending Syracuse University at this time of his suicide attempt, as the U. S. Air Force was putting him through school. [REDACTED] was discharged by the U. S. Air Force due to his suicide attempt and received his discharge papers at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

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[REDACTED] then returned to his home and attended Kent State University. At this time his grades were extremely low. Consequently [REDACTED] stopped paying his tuition and [REDACTED] began to work. After several months [REDACTED] requested to be put in a hospital and under psychiatric care and due to an incident which took place where [REDACTED] saw his psychiatrist's children revolt to a situation, [REDACTED] decided that he no longer wanted to be treated by a psychiatrist who could not control his own children.

[REDACTED] then proceeded to take \$900.00 of his money and then go to California where he intended to go to school. After a period of six weeks [REDACTED] ran out of money and returned to Kent, Ohio, where he contacted his father and decided to return to school at Kent State University where he has since been a student enrolled in the English Liberal Arts Course with the intention of becoming a writer. [REDACTED] also advised that [REDACTED] is living at [REDACTED] in Kent, Ohio, and is living with an individual who he only knows as [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Radio Station WHIO,
2650 West Market Street, Akron, Ohio, advised that the radio
station had held what is known as "WHIO Appreciation Day" on
May 2, 1970 at Chippewa Lake Amusement Park.

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[redacted] advised that on the night of May 2, 1970, she was on the Kent State campus attending a meeting at Taylor Hall. She stated someone said the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) building was on fire and she left Taylor Hall to see the fire. [redacted] stated she did not see [redacted] on the night of the fire. [redacted] stated she had no knowledge of anyone starting the fire and had no information concerning any organizers or instigators attempting to incite people to destroy the ROTC building. [redacted] further stated there were to her knowledge no leaders of the demonstrations and no speeches made urging destruction of the ROTC building. [redacted] believed the fire was a spur of the moment type thing done by an individual or individuals. [redacted] advised she saw no leaflets or other publications urging abolition of the ROTC. She stated she saw no Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) members on campus at the time of the fire and repeated she believed the fire was a spontaneous thing.

[redacted] advised that she is friendly with [redacted] and was with him last weekend in Washington, D.C. She stated they returned to Kent State on Sunday, May 10, 1970, and on Monday, May 11, 1970, she flew back to New York alone. [redacted] advised that [redacted] drove her to the airport and that [redacted] was in the car. She stated [redacted] was going to drop [redacted] off at an unknown location from which [redacted] intended to hitchhike to California. [redacted] told [redacted] he was going to visit a friend, [redacted] further identified, in Santa Barbara, California. [redacted] advised that she does not know [redacted] present whereabouts but believes he is with [redacted]. [redacted] stated she was going back to Kent State on Monday or Tuesday of next week and would be attending classes there all summer.

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[REDACTED]
Akron, was interviewed concerning her whereabouts and activities on the evening of Saturday, May 2, 1970.

[REDACTED] advised that she and two very close friends, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had decided to attend Radio Station WHIO Appreciation Day at Chippewa Lake, Ohio, and had asked another individual, [REDACTED] whom she had known for a period of about two months, to accompany them to the lake. She advised that Chippewa Lake is an amusement park and that she has visited that location on several other occasions.

She also stated that she was the individual in the group who had telephonically contacted [REDACTED] and requested that he accompany the other three individuals to the lake. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had driven his own personal car, a white Cadillac, to her home and had arrived at approximately 7:30 PM, on May 2, 1970. She advised that it had taken her a little longer than anticipated to get ready and that [REDACTED] had sat in her living room watching TV.

She advised that she drove her own personal car, a Volkswagen, to the lake, stopping for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on the way. She advised that to the best of her knowledge, the four individuals arrived at Chippewa Lake at approximately 9:30 - 9:45 PM. She stated that upon their arrival at the park they went to the pavilion to listen to the bands who were there due to the WHIO Appreciation Day activities. She stated they then proceeded to ride on several of the amusements in the park but she could not remember the names of the specific amusements other than possibly "Crack the Whip".

She stated they then went to a concession stand and had a snack and then left the amusement park at approximately 11:30 PM. Upon their departure from the amusement park they then proceeded to the home of [REDACTED] where they listened to records for several hours and

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then all four individuals fell asleep. She advised that they woke up approximately 5:00 - 5:30 AM on the morning of May 3, 1970, at which time she drove [REDACTED] to her residence and dropped off [REDACTED] at her residence where he had left his automobile the night before.

When asked what [REDACTED] was wearing the evening that he attended Chippewa Lake Amusement Park, she advised that he was wearing a pair of suede or skin trousers which he had designed and made himself and which tied up the side with two strands of rawhide. She also advised that he was wearing a striped shirt of some type.

[REDACTED] advised she had known [REDACTED] for a short period of time, approximately two months, and had met him in Kent, Ohio, at J.B.'s which is located on North Water Street. She stated that she would consider [REDACTED] as a casual acquaintance and stated that he has accompanied her and several of her friends on other occasions during their two month acquaintance. She also advised that she has not talked to [REDACTED] since dropping him off at his car in front of her residence on Sunday morning, May 3, 1970.

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OF THE ROTC BUILDING

K. [REDACTED]

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[redacted] Ohio,
attending Lakeland Community Junior College, Painesville,
Ohio, furnished the following information:

A friend, whose name he would not divulge, told him that one [redacted] stated to [redacted] friend that he is one of the students who burned down the ROTC building at Kent State University (KSU). [redacted] advised to his knowledge [redacted] was expelled from KSU during the 1968-69 school year for his Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) affiliation. [redacted] allegedly attended the Fall semester, 1970, at Lakeland Community Junior College in Painesville. [redacted] advised FBI agents interviewed [redacted] on May 3, 1970, but [redacted] told them he was not involved with rock throwing and did not observe any such activity. [redacted] stated that [redacted] home residence is in [redacted], Ohio, but that [redacted] usually resides in Kent, Ohio (street address unknown).

[redacted] could provide no further information.

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L. [REDACTED]

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Ohio, advised she is presently employed at the [REDACTED] located at the corner of [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Ohio, as a waitress. She advised that she is not a student at Kent State University and has not been on the Kent State University Campus since JERRY RUBIN's appearance on the Kent State University Campus during the month of April, 1970. She was asked specifically about the evening of May 2, 1970, at which time the ROTC Building was burned, but she stated that she had worked from 5:00 PM until 3:00 AM at the [REDACTED]. She stated that another waitress, [REDACTED] Ohio, could verify that she was working on May 2, 1970.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
Ohio, waitress, [REDACTED], at the intersection of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] with
whom she has been good friends for numerous years and who
is working as a waitress at the [REDACTED] under the name
of [REDACTED] was present and working from 5:00 PM until
3:00 AM on May 2, 1970. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] advised she could not provide any further information
concerning [REDACTED] knowledge of the incidents which took
place at Kent State University.

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Q. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], Ohio, was telephonically contacted at his place of employment, [REDACTED], Ohio, advised that he did not wish to talk to the FBI regarding any matters without his attorney being present. He indicated that he heard that the FBI called at his home [REDACTED] and talked to his mother [REDACTED].

It is to be noted that SA [REDACTED] contacted Mrs. [REDACTED] at the above address and she indicated that the [REDACTED] were "liberals" and did not wish to talk to any law enforcement agencies unless they could stipulate the conditions under which the interview was conducted. [REDACTED] indicated that this country was presently becoming a police state and she did not appreciate the Gestapo coming to her home. It was tactfully pointed out to [REDACTED] that a representative of the FBI identifying himself and requested an interview with her son was in no way to be construed as being a Gestapo. [REDACTED] then apologized and then furnished the telephone number of her son's employment and indicated he could be phoned this afternoon prior to 3:00.

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S. IDENTIFICATIONS FROM
PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN ON, AND
IN THE VICINITY OF THE KSU
CAMPUS DURING MAY 1-4, 1970

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Date May 19, 1970

[REDACTED], Ohio, senior, Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, was interviewed and viewed photographs of the KSU disturbances of May 1 through 4, 1970.

From these photographs, which are numbered, [REDACTED] identified the following people:

Picture NumberDescription

A-49 #1

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

A-49 #2

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

C-17 #9

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

C-59 #7

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

C-60 #3

Doctor FRANK
Professor, KSU

C-62 #2

Doctor FRANK
Professor, KSU

C-70 #9

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

C-70 #10

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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C-70 #11

C-79 #9

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[REDACTED] Kent State University (KSU), after viewing approximately 200 photographs taken in the vicinity of KSU during the period May 1-4, 1970, made the following identifications:

PHOTOGRAPHIDENTIFICATION

A19-1

Active leader-participant of rally May 2, 1970.

A32-2

A47-2

Active leader-participant of rally May 2, 1970.

A52-1

[REDACTED] (LAST NAME UNKNOWN),
Engleman Hall, KSU.

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Active leader-participant of rally May 2, 1970.

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[REDACTED], Teaching
Fellow, Speech Department.

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[REDACTED] Teaching
Fellow, Speech Department

F23-1

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A32-2

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PHOTOGRAPH

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IDENTIFICATION

Active leader-participant
of rally May 2, 1970.

Active leader-participant of
rally May 2, 1970

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[REDACTED], Ohio, voluntarily appeared at the Administration Building, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, and was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent. [REDACTED] furnished the following voluntary information:

[REDACTED] is a senior at Kent State University (KSU), and he advised he was not on campus at KSU on May 1 and 2, 1970. On Sunday, May 3, 1970, [REDACTED] went to the KSU campus, arriving at approximately 7 PM. [REDACTED] furnished the following voluntary signed statement concerning what he witnessed on the KSU campus during the evening of May 3, 1970:

"May 21, 1970
Kent, Ohio

"I, [REDACTED], make the following voluntary statement to [REDACTED] Special Agent Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I am 22 years old and reside at [REDACTED] Ohio. I am a senior at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

"On Sunday night, May 3, 1970 I went to the Kent State University (KSU) campus, Kent, Ohio, accompanied by; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ohio. I knew that because there had been trouble on the KSU campus Saturday night May 2, 1970, which resulted in the burning of a ROTC building on the KSU campus, there would possibly be trouble on Sunday night. My intention was to go to the campus and help, by talking to people that seemed to be leaders of the trouble, and hope that later I could identify the leaders of the group that caused the trouble.

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"When darkness started to set in on May 3, 1970 I was standing in a crowd of people gathered around the victory bell on the area of the KSU campus known as the Commons. The crowd around the bell was about 500-600 people. I observed about 5 to 10 people around the bell that seemed to be organizing and leading the crowd.

"I observed a white, male about 5'8" in height and about 170 lbs, with very dark curly hair full face beard and I estimate his age as about 24-25 years old. I heard this person state to the people, I considered as leaders of that crowd, standing around the victory bell, that their goal for Sunday night May 3, 1970, was to burn the KSU ROTC supply building, but before they burned it they wanted to get guns, ammunitions and gas masks out of the ROTC supply building. I also observed this same person with three or four rocks in one of his hands.

"I had never seen this person on the KSU campus before Sunday night May 3, 1970. I do not know his name. This person was wearing a green Army jacket with a name over the vest pocket.

"Today, May 21, 1970 I came to the KSU campus, Administration Building and viewed photographs taken during the disturbances on the KSU campus, May 1, 1970 - May 4, 1970. These photographs are in the possession of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. These photographs are numbered and in photograph #C12 I identified the person I heard make the statement about burning the KSU ROTC supply building on Sunday night May 3, 1970. In this photograph (C-12) this person is standing in the middle of the photograph looking to his left.

"I also identified this same person in photograph C-13. He is the third person from the right side of the photograph and is bending forward and appears to be rubbing his right eye.

"I also identified this same person in photograph C-14. He is resting on his left arm looking toward the left side of the photograph.

"I have read this statement consisting of this page and two other pages. I have initialed all corrections and the other two pages. I now sign this statement because it is true.

"/s/ [REDACTED]

"Witness: /s/ [REDACTED] Special Agent FBI
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"/s/ [REDACTED] Agent FBI Cleveland, Ohio
5/21/70

The following description was obtained through interview and observation:

Name	[REDACTED]
Alias	MIKE
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	August 23, 1947
Place of Birth	Canton, Ohio
Height	6'
Weight	150 lbs.
Build	Slender
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Residence	[REDACTED]
Telephone	[REDACTED]
Occupation	Student, KSU
Education	Senior, KSU

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Marital Status
Wife
Father

Married

Canton, Ohio

Mother
Sister
Social Security #
Selective Service #
Classification
Arrests

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[redacted] senior, Kent State University (KSU), residence - Room [redacted] Stonbar Hall, advised he is the [redacted] KSU, and on the evening of May 2, 1970, at approximately 8:50 PM, he left his room in the dormitory and proceeded to the Student Activities Center, where he observed a large crowd in the vicinity of the ROTC building and on the Commons, the size of the crowd unknown. He advised he walked from the Student Activities Center into the crowd near the ROTC building which, at that time, was burning. He stated the corner office, ground floor, appeared to be in flames and he noted the Fire Department had not arrived on the scene and he observed two or three unknown individuals walk up to the building and throw unknown objects into same. He stated after these individuals threw objects into the building, the building began to burn violently.

[redacted] described the crowd as "vicious" and he attempted to calm down some of the students and the only individuals he observed in the crowd that he knew were [redacted] (phonetic) and [redacted] and he believes that both of these individuals were also attempting to calm the crowd. He stated numerous other members of the KSU Student Government were attempting to calm the crowd without success.

[redacted] stated he returned to the Student Activities Center and thereafter from a distance followed the crowd of students around the KSU campus and he observed them go to a wooden shed which was set afire, walked to the tennis courts behind Verder Hall, moved in mass down Main Street toward downtown Kent, stacked items as if to build a bonfire, proceeded around the library, and move back into the vicinity of the ROTC building where the crowd was then dispersed by members of the Ohio National Guard who had moved on campus. [redacted] stated during the movement of the crowd on the KSU campus, he observed the following individuals who were attempting to calm the crowd:

[redacted] Student Government

[redacted], Physics Department, KSU

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He stated he returned to his dormitory between 11:00 and 11:30 PM, May 2, 1970, and due to darkness, he was unable to identify any other individuals other than those already mentioned above; however, added there were a number of individuals in the crowd moving around the KSU campus which he had never seen on the campus prior to that time. [REDACTED] stated the individuals were wearing red armbands who seemed to be agitating the crowd and he noted there were very few black students in the crowd and individuals known to him as the "Big 4," NEIDERGER, [REDACTED] were not amongst the crowd.

[REDACTED] observed volumes of photographs on this occasion and made the following identifications from observations:

Photograph A-9

Individual #2, white male,
known to him as [REDACTED]
KSU student

Ohio

Photograph A-21

Individual #3, white male,
known as former member of
Students for a Democratic
Society (SDS), KSU campus, name
unknown

Photograph A-34

Individual #4, white female,
[REDACTED] (LNU), KSU student,
resident of Olsen Hall

Photograph A-34

Individual #15, white male,
boyfriend of [REDACTED] (LNU),
mentioned above

Photograph A-47

Individual #10, white male,
name unknown, KSU student,
Chemistry major, who should be
known by [REDACTED] in the Chemistry
Department

Photograph C-31

Individual #1, Negro male,
KSU student, name unknown,
member of Black United Students

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Photograph C-36

Photograph C-59

Photograph C-96

Photograph C-103

Photograph F-49

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Individual #3, white male,
[REDACTED] (INU), KSU student,
resident of Johnson Hall

Individual #9
[REDACTED] (INU), resident Stcpher
Hall, KSU

Individual #2
[REDACTED] Instructor,
Biology Laboratory, KSU

Individual #5
Possibly KSU student
[REDACTED] Ohio

Individual #2
(FNU) [REDACTED] KSU student,
formerly employed at
Kent Stater newspaper

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[REDACTED] Kent, Ohio,
Home Telephone [REDACTED] advised he is a commuting senior
at Kent State University. [REDACTED] appeared at the Kent State
University Administration Building this date and viewed
photographs of individuals. These photographs were taken
during the disturbances at Kent State University May 2 - 4,
1970. After viewing the above photographs, [REDACTED] identified
an individual depicted in Photographs C12, C13 and C14 and he
furnished the following statement concerning this individual:

"May 21, 1970
Kent, Ohio

"I, [REDACTED] furnish the following
statement to Special Agent [REDACTED] of
the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This
statement is free and voluntary.

"Today I came to the Kent State University
Administration Building to view photographs
taken during the disturbances at this
University on the week-end of May 2-4, 1970.
From these photographs I selected an
individual depicted in photographs C-12,
C-13 and C-14 as a person I observed on KSU
Campus Sunday evening, May 3, 1970 and on
Monday May 4, 1970.

"In Photograph #C-12 he is identified with
the Number 1, and he is wearing an Army fatigue
jacket. His hair is dark or black and is curly.

"In Photograph #C-13 this same person is
bending over apparently using a white cloth to
wipe his rt. eye. He is holding papers under his
left arm.

"This same person is in Photograph #C-14
and is identified as Individual #1 and is also
reclining on the grass leaning on his left elbow.

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by SA [REDACTED]
SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/21/70

"The above person was on the Commons at KSU Sunday evening, 5/3/70 in a crowd of several hundred people. He was standing near the bell on the Commons and was talking to a person who appeared to be a friend of his. This second person, his friend, was a white male, about 25 years of age dressed similar to the man in Photograph #C 14 above. The second person also had curly hair. A third individual was standing on the wall where the bell is and he was talking to the two above described persons. The guy on the wall was a white male, about 6'3" or 6'4" tall, medium build, with long brownish-blond hair, shoulder length. All three seemed to know each other.

"The guy on the wall was saying that he wanted the group to move from this area away from the Commons because the group was 'trapped' by the 'pigs' who could close off certain areas and then the pigs would 'have us.'

"The person shown in the photographs then indicated that he wanted to get the crowd to another area, away from the R.O.T.C. supply building near the Commons at the Intersection of Portage and Eastway Drives. He wanted to burn that building and get the guns and ammunition out of it. I heard him make these comments and he told me 'I (or we) got some ammunition out of the one we burned down yesterday.'

"Either this same person or the third individual said that he wanted the crowd to have a confrontation with the 'pigs'. One of the three, I think it was the guy on the wall, said they had to get some rocks first. The three of them sort of argued for a short while about what plan they should follow first. The man on the wall was in favor of leaving the Commons right away so they wouldn't get trapped.

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"On Monday, May 4, 1970, the person in the three photographs was present in the crowd on the hill at the edge of the Commons when most of the crowd was sitting on the ground. He was sitting generally west of the tree about four feet from it. I did not see his two friends around.

"On Sunday night he seemed to be a leader or a person trying to direct the activities of the crowd, and I had the impression he was not part of the Kent State University student body.

"The above 4 page statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"Signed: [REDACTED]

Witness: /s/ [REDACTED] SA FBI, CV, O. 5/21/70
/s/ [REDACTED] Special Agent FBI Cleveland,
Ohio 5/21/70"

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In addition to furnishing a signed statement concerning an individual depicted in Photographs C12, C13 and C14 in an album displayed to him by SA [REDACTED] on May 21, 1970, [REDACTED] furnished the following information:

He stated that the individual depicted in these photographs definitely seemed to be a leader at the Commons on Sunday evening May 3, 1970, and he represents what [REDACTED] would consider a Students for a Democratic Society headman would look like or would be like. This person was an organizer and his actions and comments to persons around him seemed to be planned. When this person advocated persons in the crowd gathering rocks to throw at the National Guard to keep them away from the ROTC Supply Building, he told the crowd "We have to kill some pigs." This individual and his two friends kept telling the people in the crowd that they should get rocks for throwing at Guardsmen and these rocks were up over the hill around one of the dormitories.

The individual depicted in Photograph A14, Number 4, who is wearing a hat with muffled brain and scarf over his nose and lower face was also at the meeting on Sunday evening. He was very close to the persons in Photographs C12, C13, and C14, although [REDACTED] does not know if this person with the scarf talked to the individual in these photographs. The young man with the scarf and hat who [REDACTED] knows as [REDACTED] and who supposedly lives in Wright Hall was ringing the Victory Bell on the Commons at apparently the same time the other talk concerning the burning of the ROTC Building and the throwing of rocks at Guardsmen was discussed.

[REDACTED] and a friend of his made efforts on Sunday evening to determine the identity of the individual in Photographs C12, C13 and C14 although they were unsuccessful. On Monday, May 4, 1970, [REDACTED] and his friend attempted to follow [REDACTED] and learn more about him although they were unsuccessful.

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[REDACTED] is described as follows:

Name	[REDACTED]
Date of Birth	October 1, 1946
Place of Birth	Dannison, Ohio
Address	[REDACTED] Canton, Ohio
Height	5'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	180 lbs.
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Social Security Account Number	[REDACTED]
Selective Service Number	[REDACTED]
Education	Graduating senior, Kent State University Aerospace Technology
Major Parents	[REDACTED]
Brothers	[REDACTED]
Sister Wife	[REDACTED]

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		CHARACTER OF CASE SABOTAGE; SEDITION; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 - INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED FACILITY		

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Report of SA [REDACTED] 5-21-70, at Cleveland

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IV. INTERVIEWS TO DETERMINE
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OF THE ROTC BUILDING

U. RESIDENCE AT
230 East Main Street,
Kent, Ohio

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Ohio, advised that on the weekend of May 2, 1970, she was at home and did not return to the campus until the evening of May 3, 1970. She advised that on May 3, 1970, she participated in, as a follower, the rally on the Kent State University (KSU) campus, Kent, Ohio. She stated that although she did not believe in violence she was against the war and believed that the more people that showed up for these rallies the stronger impression it would make. She advised that she was on the southeast corner of Prentice Hall at the time the students first began forming near the Bell. The National Guard was grouping in an area near Taylor Hall. Three or four of the Guardsmen in a jeep told the students to disperse and the students responded by yelling obscenities and throwing small stones. She believed she heard two or three of these stones hit the jeep and the jeep thereafter returned to the main group of Guardsmen. The Guard then went into a formation and started walking slowly toward the students at which time she was standing by the Bell, there being about 100 students spread all over the campus. The Guard started shouting "Get up" and the group started to run up the hill on either side of Taylor Hall. The Guard following them hesitated for a moment and then the students started returning to their former position. The Guard then followed them to the practice field. Some of the Guardsmen stayed at the edge of the practice field while others returned to their original position. When the group that returned were almost up the hill a group of students started to run after them. The Guards reached the top of the hill, stopped and turned to face the students, about one half of them dropped to a kneeling position and started to fire at the students that were running after them. These students were still about 30 feet away. She stated that she was too far away at this time to determine whether or not the students were throwing stones at the Guardsmen. She advised that at the time the Guardsmen were firing she was standing near Prentice Hall. She estimated that the Guards' firing lasted from five to seven seconds and that she does not remember hearing any single shot fired just prior to or just after the main

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by SAC [REDACTED]
A. [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/15/70

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volley of shots by the Guard. In her estimation she thought the Guard was aiming high and possibly just over the heads of the students as opposed to just shooting wildly into the crowd in front of them. She stated that she observed the above activity from a position that would place her almost perpendicular to the Guards and the students being fired on. After the Guardsmen fired, the rally turned into general confusion with many of the students running away from the area. She stated that possibly the following individuals would be able to give information concerning the above activity as she believed that they were in a better position to observe it than she:

[REDACTED] from Berea, Ohio

[REDACTED] South

[REDACTED] Ohio

[REDACTED] Ohio

[REDACTED] Warren, Ohio

She stated that she is a good friend of [REDACTED] and stays in the same dormitory. She advised that [REDACTED] came to visit her at her home during the past [REDACTED] and told her that she had received information from unnamed individuals that they were going to burn the ROTC Building. She stated that [REDACTED] indicated that she knew this burning was to take place for sometime before the actual burning. [REDACTED] did not mention or name the individuals who she claimed to know that were going to burn the building. During this conversation she made a comment to [REDACTED] that since students used knives to cut the ropes they must have planned this in advance to have knives large enough to do the job and [REDACTED] agreed to this comment. She stated that [REDACTED] has many friends some of whom could have been involved in this burning.

Photographs of the following individuals were shown to her and she did not [REDACTED]

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[redacted]
telephone number [redacted] was exhibited photographs of
various individuals on the Kent State University (KSU)
campus, including [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] stated that none of these individuals
are familiar to him and he has not seen any of these
individuals personally on the KSU campus. However, he advised
that he had seen the picture of [redacted] in the KSU school
newspaper, "The Stater."

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- SA [redacted] 5-21-70
by _____ Date dictated _____

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Kent State University, advised that she was present on campus from May 1, 1970, through May 4, 1970, although during those four days she hardly ever left Verder Hall. Her offices are in Verder Hall and she is concerned primarily with assisting students who live there.

On Friday, May 1, 1970, late in the evening or possibly in the early hours of Saturday morning May 2, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED] was in Verder Hall as numerous girls came in for the evening. Most of these girls had been downtown in Kent, Ohio, or had been on campus that evening and had heard about some of the disturbances going on in Kent, Ohio. These girls were visibly upset and most of them were talking and running around visiting other girls in the hall. [REDACTED] talked to none of these girls in particular that evening and she advised she does recall seeing [REDACTED] in Verder Hall.

[REDACTED] was talking in general about the disturbances and she mentioned nothing to [REDACTED] about any specific plans, activities or individuals concerning the disturbances.

That evening [REDACTED] had brought a young female approximately age 11 or 12 with her to Verder Hall. Apparently [REDACTED] is in some type of program assisting young girls.

On Saturday [REDACTED] stayed in Verder Hall and on Saturday evening she could see that there was a fire on the Commons and there was a lot of activities with students and policemen in all parts of the campus. Several persons in Verder Hall took fire extinguishers from that building and water in various containers to the fire to assist in extinguishing it. [REDACTED] talked to the fire department and told them of the situation and they suggested that she encourage students not to remove the extinguishers from the building. [REDACTED] did not see [REDACTED] Saturday evening.

On Sunday, May 3, 1970 [REDACTED] cannot recall talking to or seeing [REDACTED]. She does not know if the young girl previously mentioned was still staying with [REDACTED].

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On Monday afternoon, [REDACTED] could see the disturbances on the Commons and after the shooting on campus she was outside only long enough to assist in bringing girls back into the dormitory. [REDACTED] could see the National Guardsmen Monday afternoon on the Commons and she recalls she first saw Guardsmen on the campus Saturday evening.

[REDACTED] made no statements to [REDACTED] at any time regarding the identities of the persons responsible for setting the ROTC Building on fire and she did not tell [REDACTED] of her being at a certain location where individuals who knew about the fire came to.

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May 22, 1970

Date

[REDACTED]
Ohio, was warned of the rights as shown on an enclosed warning and driver form. He advised that during the time he attended Kent State University (KSU), he resided at [REDACTED], Ohio.

He stated that he is presently residing with his parents at the Marquette Street address.

[REDACTED] advised that he arrived on the KSU Campus at about 9:00 PM on the evening of May 2, 1970. He stated that he was accompanied by his girlfriend, [REDACTED] Ohio, and that upon their arrival on the campus, they walked into the parking lot located outside of Vonder Hall, which overlooks the site where the destroyed ROTC building stood. He advised that he and [REDACTED] stood in the parking lot and watched the activities at the ROTC building for a period of approximately 15 to 20 minutes. During this period of observation, they could see an unknown number of individuals, estimated at 200 to 300, standing around the ROTC building and generally making a lot of noise. He could not remember anything in particular which was yelled.

He advised he saw a burning flare lying on the roof of the building, but that it rolled off before it started a fire and then just laid on the ground. He did not see who threw the flare.

[REDACTED] advised that after observing for 15 to 20 minutes he and his girlfriend returned to [REDACTED] residence [REDACTED] Ohio. He then made a phone call to one of the dormitories on the campus, the exact name of which he cannot remember, and talked to an unknown individual and asked him what events were taking place on campus. He stated that the individual advised him that the ROTC building had burned down.

[REDACTED] advised he then called [REDACTED] Main Street, Kent, Ohio, whom he knows through being a student at KSU. He stated that he also knows the following individuals who live at 230 West Main Street, Kent, Ohio, but only by their first names:

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by SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

When [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] was not home and therefore, he talked to [REDACTED] (last name unknown) instead. He stated that his intent in calling was to find out what was going on in the town of Kent, as he had observed National Guardsmen and what he described as tanks moving past his residence in [REDACTED] and toward the MSU Campus.

He advised that [REDACTED] informed him that the National Guard were then in Kent and that he did not know exactly what was taking place. [REDACTED] then informed [REDACTED] (last name unknown) that to the best of his knowledge, the ROTC building on campus had been burned to the ground, this information being based on his telephonic conversation with one of the dormitories on campus.

[REDACTED] advised that he did not know who had burned the ROTC building and definitely did not recognize anyone at the burning, in that it was too dark at that time. He advised that he could provide no further information concerning the burning of the ROTC building.

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[redacted] Ohio,
[redacted] was interviewed at the [redacted]
[redacted] and advised that
[redacted] He
said that [redacted] had telephoned a month or so ago to inform
his wife, [redacted] that he, [redacted]
[redacted] and was residing at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio.

[redacted] indicated that he and his wife had no
knowledge of [redacted] associates, actions, nor had they seen
him during the past two or three years. He said that he had
no information pertaining to the Kent State University shooting
or the burning of the ROTC Building.

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RE: CANTON, OHIO, TELEPHONE

[REDACTED]

The above telephone is listed to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Canton, Ohio. It is to be noted
that [REDACTED] is the father of [REDACTED], who is a
student at Kent State University and has been previously
interviewed.

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During the search of the apartment located at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, 13 photographs of various parts of this residence were photographed both inside and outside the house. A photograph was also taken of an individual identified as [REDACTED]

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by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/10/70

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On May 19, 1970, a search warrant for the residence located at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, was returned to United States Commissioner CLIFFORD E. BRUCE, Cleveland, Ohio. This search warrant was executed on May 10, 1970 at the above residence.

On May 26, 1970, Commissioner BRUCE filed this warrant with the Clerk of the U.S. District Court, Cleveland, Ohio.

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[REDACTED] advised that he is a student at Kent State University in the School of Arts and Sciences.

[REDACTED] stated that he had some information that he wanted to supply to the FBI. [REDACTED] stated that he had not divulged this information to any organization because he wanted to check it out and determine the value before giving it to any investigative agency. According to [REDACTED] one [REDACTED] who works at the [REDACTED] High School, Kent, Ohio, told [REDACTED] several days ago that his [REDACTED] roommate was responsible for burning down the ROTC building, and that his roommate was the main organizer of the burning.

[REDACTED] emphasized that the information he received from [REDACTED] was strictly hearsay and that the information [REDACTED] gave him was also hearsay.

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by SAs [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/20/70

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs

[REDACTED]

Numerous daily attempts to contact [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Akron, Ohio, from May 13 through May 23,
1970, were negative.

On May 22, 1970, [REDACTED]
Canton, Ohio, was telephonically contacted and was advised
by the interviewing Agents that information had been received
that [REDACTED] had had a conversation with an unknown white
female "hippie" who allegedly had stated on Thursday, April 30,
1970, that the unknown white female was to be one of the first
to throw flares at the ROTC building at Kent State University
(KSU), Kent, Ohio. [REDACTED] stated that she had not had the
above mentioned conversation but had received this information
from [REDACTED] Ohio. [REDACTED] had told
[REDACTED] about the above conversation that [REDACTED] had had with
an unknown white female who resided at Engleman Hall, KSU.

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[REDACTED]
Ohio, was interviewed at [REDACTED]
Ohio, and furnished the following information:

She did not witness either the burning of the ROTC Building on May 2, 1970 on the Kent State University (KSU) campus or the student confrontation of the Ohio National Guard (ONG), May 4, 1970, on the KSU campus. [REDACTED] advised, however, that a friend of hers, [REDACTED] a KSU student, who lives at [REDACTED] Kent, Ohio, stated to her that a boy she formerly dated, had been responsible for burning the ROTC Building on the KSU campus, May 2, 1970. [REDACTED] was unable to furnish details.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] may be uncooperative and withhold information if interviewed by Agents of the FBI.

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[REDACTED]

Kent, Ohio, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents. [REDACTED] voluntarily furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] advised that he has no information concerning the identity of the person or persons responsible for burning the Kent State University (KSU) ROTC Building on May 2, 1970. [REDACTED] further stated that he was not present when the ROTC Building was burned.

He was asked if he would furnish the names of the individuals responsible for the burning if he knew them, and he said he is not sure if he would furnish these names or not. It is his opinion that it would not be good for the leaders in the anti-war movement to be put in jail for burning the building if they are important to the movement.

[REDACTED] is in sympathy with the anti-Vietnam war movement and does not feel he would say anything if he had any information concerning the ROTC burning.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[REDACTED]
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	January 22, 1940
Place of Birth	Cleveland, Ohio
Telephone	[REDACTED]
Remarks	[REDACTED] is a graduate assistant, Sociology Department, KSU

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by SAs [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/17/70

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advised he was a student at Kent State University (KSU).

He indicated that he had not been present during the shooting on May 4, 1970, and had no information in this regard.

He advised that he was present on the campus when the ROTC Building was burned and had observed several students approximately 200 in the area of the ROTC Building soon after dark. He said he went down to the Building and observed approximately three individuals attempting to set the building on fire by throwing flares in and at the building. He said he got a fairly good look at these individuals and is of the opinion that he could possibly identify them if he observed them again. To his knowledge, they were not students at KSU or if they were students, he did not know them nor had he ever seen them on the campus before. He indicated that there was a great deal of confusion at this particular time and there possibly could have been a fourth individual involved in the attempt to set fire or interfere with fighting the fire at the ROTC Building.

He said after the fire was started and the fire department arrived to put it out, two or more individuals attempted to cut the hose that the firemen had laid out, attempting to fight the fire. In addition there was a great deal of confusion and some students were attempting to pull the hose back away from the ROTC Building. He said he had also gotten a very good look at the two or more individuals involved in the cutting of the fire hose and may be able to identify them if he had a chance to observe their photographs or the individuals in person. In regard to the individuals who attempted to cut the fire hoses, he said he did not recognize any of these individuals nor had he ever seen them on the KSU campus.

He indicated that he would be willing to go to KSU and observe any pictures in an effort to identify the above-mentioned individuals.

On 5/18/70 at [REDACTED] Ohio File # Cleveland 66-2140

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/19/70

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[redacted] student, Kent State University, Ohio, who resides at [redacted], Ohio, advised that on May 2, 1970, at approximately 8:30 PM he and his fellow student and friend, [redacted], arrived in the vicinity of the East Hall, Kent State University, where a fire truck was parked on the end of the East Hall facing the Student Union. At this time a multitude of students were gathered in the area known as the Commons. At this time [redacted] noted that students were cutting or had cut holes in the fire hoses since he saw water spurting out of the fire hoses in all directions.

Sometime after the fire hoses had been cut [redacted] saw a hippie type individual throw some kind of incendiary device through the window of the East Hall on the northwest corner. [redacted] guessed that the object thrown was some kind of a flare, but he did not know for sure. The incendiary device glowed inside the East Hall for approximately 40-50 seconds, after which [redacted] noticed the inside of the building in flames. [redacted] advised that he understood the building had been in flames prior to this ignition but also understood that this fire had been brought under control by those individuals manning the fire truck.

Shortly after the incendiary device was thrown through the northwest window, Kent State University policemen arrived on the scene to protect the East Hall which was now in flames. When the policemen arrived, students were shouting "down with ROTC", "fuck the pigs". The students then wandered over to the opposite end of the Commons nearer Taylor Hall than the East Hall, and set on fire an archery or athletic shed. At this time both [redacted] endeavored to control the athletic shed blaze. The individual responsible for the athletic shed blaze was punched in the face by another student who was trying to bring the blaze under control. [redacted] could not identify either the person who inflicted the blow or the person who received the blow.

[redacted] advised that although both fires were brought

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under control, both the East Hall and the athletic shed were destroyed.

[REDACTED] was not able to identify the individual who threw the incendiary device through the northwest window of the East Hall although he described same person as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Height	5' 10" - 5' 11"
Weight	175-185
Age	22-23
Build	Medium
Hair	Light brown or blonde, down to the collar or shoulder area
Distinguishing Characteristics	Had a long thin face with pointed chin and sharp pointed nose. Wore hippie type clothes, possibly consisting of jeans and a collarless shirt with vest.

[REDACTED] advised that although only one person threw the incendiary device, another person was with him and [REDACTED] described this person as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Age	22-23
Height	5' 8"
Weight	160
Hair	Black, long, to collar or shoulder
Build	Husky
Distinguishing Characteristics	Wore hippie type clothes

[REDACTED] advised that he could identify none of the students or individuals who participated in the burning of the ROTC building, the East Hall. [REDACTED] advised this was due to the fact that most of the participants were unfamiliar faces and not students who he had routinely seen on campus during classes. [REDACTED]

_____ further advised that he was a _____ and that _____ was the _____ at _____ State University. _____ advised that both he and _____ were at the scene to do whatever they could to control the rioting students. _____ advised they were largely unsuccessful in controlling the participating students and concentrated mainly on advising the onlooking students to return to their dormitories.

_____ advised that at one point during the riot he noticed a white male in a black and white checkered jacket going to the front of the rioting students, starting the students chanting a phrase or slogan, and then when the chant was picked up by the students, retreating to the rear. _____ advised this individual did this several times during the rioting. _____ advised that a picture of this individual was taken with a camera, but that the camera was now in the possession of _____ who should also have the film with which this photo was taken.

_____ advised that he and _____ both resided in Stopher Hall. He advised that _____ would not be at Stopher Hall since all dormitories on the Kent State University campus have been closed. He advised that _____ is from New Jersey and that his exact address should be listed in the Kent State University Student Directory.

_____ advised that other observing students on the scene at the ROTC fire were (CRAIG MORGAN, _____, and _____ all Kent State University. _____ advised that CRAIG MORGAN helped him control the athletic shed fire. _____ advised that both _____ and _____ have been somewhat sympathetic to the radical movements on campus.

_____ was shown a series of five photographs by interviewing Agents and _____ picked out a photograph depicting _____ and another white male. _____ advised that _____ looked very similar to the individual he saw throw the incendiary device into the northwest window of the East Hall. _____ further advised that _____ also witnessed the firing of the East Hall and might possibly be able to effect an identification.

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[REDACTED] Kent, Ohio, advised that he is the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that one [REDACTED] lived in the apartment at [REDACTED] from December 16, 1969, to May 11, 1970. He lived in the apartment with his wife, [REDACTED] was a student at Kent State University and had a 1965 Dodge automobile. When he left he gave a forwarding address of [REDACTED] Ohio.

A check of the records of the building indicated that [REDACTED] was married December 18, 1969, at Youngstown, Ohio. He gave as an emergency address Mr. and [REDACTED] Ohio, telephone [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 5/22/70 at Kent, Ohio

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by [REDACTED]

Date dictated 5/22/70

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May 28, 1970

Date _____

[REDACTED] Kent, Ohio,
furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] advised that she and her husband
moved into the apartment at this address on May 12, 1970.

On May 18, 1970, or May 19, 1970, their little
boy was playing and stuck his hand down beside the cushions
of the sofa in their living room. When he did, he found
two flares. [REDACTED] shoved these flares to the
interviewing agents. One was a yellow, ten-minute flare
and one was a red, five-minute flare. These flares were
retained by [REDACTED], who advised that she would hold
them.

[REDACTED] advised that the apartments are
rented furnished and the prior tenant would have been the
one who left the flares in the apartment. Neither she or
her husband have ever had any flares in the apartment.

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Date 5/16/70

[REDACTED]
Kent, Ohio, permanent address [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Ohio, advised he is a student in the Social Problems class of Dr. THOMAS LOUGH, Kent State University (KSU) and that during the class meeting on May 4, 1970, LOUGH held a seminar in an attempt to find out what had happened on May 2, 1970 in regard to the burning of the ROTC Building.

[REDACTED] recalls LOUGH formerly was employed in the Armament Section of the United Nations and that LOUGH made the comment that instead of spending millions on poverty, the United States is spending millions on secrecy.

[REDACTED] stated LOUGH then stated if anyone wanted to know how to make a Molotov cocktail, all they had to do was go to a book in any local library as it was no big secret as to making incendiary devices.

[REDACTED] stated there were never any leaflets passed out on Molotov cocktails, and this was the only mention of it ever made.

On 5/14/70 at Kent, Ohio File # Cleveland 98-2170
by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/15/70

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Date May 22, 1970

[REDACTED] was con-
tacted at her residence and apprised of the identity of the
interviewing agents and of the purpose of the interview.
She furnished the following information:

She is a senior at Kent State University (KSU) in
the school of Secondary Education and is due to receive her
B.S. Degree in August, 1970. She did not attend any rallies
or demonstrations on the KSU campus or in the city of Kent,
Ohio, during the period May 1-4, 1970. She was not on cam-
pus during the burning of the ROTC building on Saturday
night, May 2, 1970, nor was she on campus during the shoot-
ing incident between the Guardsmen and KSU students on Mon-
day afternoon, May 4, 1970. She has heard of the Kent Free
University but has no information concerning it. She has
never heard of the Kent New University Conference. She has
heard of the 23 Concerned Faculty but knows nothing about
the group.

[REDACTED] advised that she was aware of the fact that
there was a Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) group
on the KSU campus but she never knew any of the members.
Moreover, she has never attended any meetings or functions
of the SDS. She has heard that the SDS members on the
campus advocate the complete overthrow of every existing
principle or value that the United States stands for, how-
ever, have absolutely no solution for any problems besetting
this country. She said she heard MARK RUDD speak on campus
in 1969.

[REDACTED] did not know whether the Kent Free University,
the Kent New University Conference, the 23 Concerned Facul-
ty or the SDS at KSU had anything to do with either the
burning of the ROTC building or the May 4, 1970, shooting
incident.

[REDACTED] advised regarding [REDACTED]
English instructor at KSU, that [REDACTED] has appeared to
to be a very liberal person in all her views. [REDACTED] said that
[REDACTED] is her instructor in Expository Prose and
she had the class with [REDACTED] at 9:55 A.M. In this class

On 5/20/70 at [REDACTED] Ohio File # Cleveland 98-2140

by SA [REDACTED] APM/jam Date dictated 5/20/70

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██████████ mentioned to the students that she was very sorry to see the campus closed and the city of Kent closed due to the recent demonstrations and rioting. ██████████ did not, however, have much to say about the rally to be held at 12:00 noon that day, nor did she encourage students to attend the rally.

██████████ pointed out that she had never heard ██████████ make inflammatory statements to the class, nor had ██████████ appeared ██████████ to be a militant individual who espouses violence. She said that ██████████ has never impressed her as being irrational but rather as a person of calm demeanor who has very definite opinions concerning the important issues of the times and does not hesitate to state them. ██████████ advised that ██████████ however, never tries to force her opinions or attitudes on any of the students.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE SABOTAGE; SEDITION; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968. INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED FACILITY	

REFERENCEReport of SA **[REDACTED]** 5-21-70, at Cleveland

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Will continue intensive investigation to identify persons responsible for the burning of the Army ROTC Building at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

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MAY 28, 1970, AT CLEVELAND,
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BUILDING, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
(KSU), KENT, OHIO, MAY 2, 1970"

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[redacted] Ohio, [redacted] on his rights by SA [redacted] who furnished [redacted] with a Voluntary Appearance Advice of Rights Form, which he read and executed. [redacted] was advised as to the identities of the interviewing agents and was told the interview would concern the demonstrations at Kent State University and the burning of the ROTC Building on the Kent State University campus on May 2, 1970.

[redacted] advised that he is a student at Kent State University, and has completed the equivalent of about two and one half years at the University. He advised that he has lived at 230 E. Main Street, Kent, Ohio, telephone number 673-5425, since the Spring term started in March, 1970. He advised that prior to this time, he lived at [redacted]

[redacted] was questioned as to his position at the University in relation to student activities in demonstrations concerning campus administration, and his attitude towards government in this country to which he replied he did not consider himself too political. When asked to clarify his meaning as to the term political, he stated that he was referring to the attitudes of himself and others and the extent of their activities in demonstrations, and the like against the established form of administration whether on a school, local, state or federal level. He stated that regarding the school administration, and the ROTC he was against the ROTC being on campus, and he disagreed with the administration of the school. He also stated that he was against the involvement of the United States in Vietnam and Cambodia, and had taken part in the following demonstrations in order to demonstrate his convictions in this matter:

October 15, 1969, Moratorium for peace in Vietnam
November 15, 1969, Student Mobilization Committee
which engaged in peace demonstrations in Washington, D.C.
May, 1969, Cleveland Peace March.

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 5/13/70

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He also advised that in the fall quarter of 1969, at Kent State University he was active in the Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Viet Nam.

[REDACTED] also stated that he was active in the Student for a Democratic Society (S.D.S.) chapter which was active at Kent State University last year. He advised that he attended several meetings with his roommate, [REDACTED] and with his friend KEN HAMMOND. He was asked if he was an activist as far as advocating the violent overthrow of the established administration, and he replied that he was not an activist, and did not believe in violence. He admitted that he had a photo of CHE GUEVERA in the room he shared with [REDACTED] but insisted that he was strictly non-violent.

[REDACTED] was also questioned as to any possible knowledge he might have of politically active people, and he stated that it was common knowledge on the campus that the following former SDS members, [REDACTED] COLIN REIBERGER, and [REDACTED] had been recently released from the Portage County Jail after serving a sentence for Inciting to Riot were formerly connected with the breakaway group of SDS known as R.Y.M. on the campus. He was asked as to whether or not these individuals were involved in the recent campus demonstrations at Kent State University on May 1, 2, 4, 1970, and he stated friends of theirs made sure they were not on campus during the demonstrations, but were in Cleveland. He was questioned as to how he knew they were not on campus, and the reason for their being in Cleveland, and he stated that was common campus knowledge, that the reason was probably due to the fact they had just been released from jail. He was then asked as to whether or not he was personally acquainted with these four individuals, and he said that he was not.

[REDACTED] was then questioned as to the events on campus that led up to the demonstrations at Kent State University. He advised that the students had expressed various complaints about the way the school was being run, but was non-committal as to the gist of the complaints. He also said the students were quite upset and agitated after President NIXON's speech concerning the entry of United States troops into Cambodia, and he said he felt this acted as a catalyst for the demonstrations at Kent State University.

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[redacted] stated that on Friday, May 1, 1970, there were two rallies on the University campus. One was a general rally in which President NIXON's speech and the Cambodian, Viet Nam and domestic problems were discussed, and the second Black Student's rally. [redacted] stated that he met several people at these rallies however, he specifically recalled [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] advised that on Saturday, May 2, 1970, he was at the Student Union [redacted]

and returned to the campus for the rumored 8:00 p.m. rally. When he arrived at the Commons, he met [redacted] and [redacted]. He also advised that he spent most of the time at the rally with [redacted] seeing him from time to time during the demonstration [redacted]

[redacted] advised that when he arrived at the Commons he talked with the above people, and then he and [redacted] stayed together most of the evening with the exceptions of the times they were separated in the crowd. He advised the crowd marched around the campus, and back to the Commons near Taylor Hall. At this time, he claimed the crowd saw the ROTC building, and broke in a run toward the building. He claimed the crowd lost control, and all hysterically attacked the building with rocks breaking the windows. He advised that he saw [redacted] at the ROTC building, and observed him in the crowd from time to time. He advised that the crowd attacked the building which according to him, represented a symbol of all their anti Viet Nam and Cambodian feelings. He advised that he observed different individuals break from the crowd, and throw objects into the building which caused the building to catch fire. He said he could not describe any of these people other than to say one person he watched was a male of small stature. He claimed it was too dark to recognize this person. [redacted] stated that after the building was afire, the firemen arrived, and their hoses were cut, and people in the demonstration pulled the hoses away. He advised that he remembered police throwing tear gas at the demonstrators who picked up the tear gas canisters, and threw them back.

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[REDACTED] advised that the demonstrators then moved back to the tennis courts, pulled down a fence, and tore apart a shack. He added that the demonstrators then marched towards downtown Kent, but after the National Guard appeared at the main gate, the crowd dispersed. He said that this activity occurred between approximately 8:00 P.M., and 9:00 P.M. He advised that he was with [REDACTED] during most of the demonstration, but did not always have him in sight. He advised that he and [REDACTED] walked to their house at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, and when they arrived, observed the National Guard mustering in front of their house. He advised that when he and [REDACTED] arrived at the house, the following people were already in the house:

[REDACTED] known to [REDACTED] as [REDACTED]
Unknown girlfriend of [REDACTED] described as a white female, approximately 20 years old, black hair, glasses.

A small negro girl who was with [REDACTED]

He added that [REDACTED] was visiting friends in Washington, D.C. on Friday and Saturday, and he thought he might have returned to Kent, Ohio, on Sunday.

[REDACTED] was questioned as to whether or not he had any knowledge concerning the burning of the ROTC building, or whether or not he himself was involved in the burning of the building. He denied having anything to do with the fire, and denied having any knowledge of the fire. He stated that he believed in non violence, and would not take any part in destructive activities. He categorically denied throwing any rocks or setting a fire, and he denied seeing anyone whom he could identify being involved in this activity.

[REDACTED] was advised that investigation had developed information he and other individuals who lived in his house at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio, had stated they had set the fire at the ROTC building. [REDACTED] was extensively questioned regarding this allegation, however, he denied having anything to do with the fire, and stated that he knew

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of no one else being involved. He was then questioned as to remarks possibly being made concerning the ROTC fire at the time he arrived at 230 East Main Street, which might have led to the opinion, that he and some of his roommates set the fire. He denied hearing any comments which might have been construed this way. He added that after he and [REDACTED] arrived at the house, someone commented that the fire could be seen from the roof of their house, at which time he and several of the other people present in the house, went to the roof and watched the fire. He stated that he was amazed the fire had become so large, as he did not think it was very big at the time it was set.

[REDACTED] stated that Sunday, May 3, 1970, was quiet, but that another rally was held on the campus on Monday, May 4, 1970. He advised that he saw KEN HAMMOND at the rally, and observed a jeep drive onto the commons, and attempt to disperse the crowd with a bullhorn. He stated he saw the jeep was stoned by the students, and he observed the National Guard shoot tear gas into the crowd. He advised that he observed 10-15 National Guardsmen move towards the students, and the students moved back to the tennis courts. He also saw 20-25 National Guards move towards the students on the right side of Taylor Hall with their rifles pointed up. He added that he heard shots, but did not see anything. He added that he believed the shots were fired over the students heads, but then heard someone had been killed. He advised he did not believe this until KEN HAMMOND told him someone had been killed. He advised that all was confusion, and after it was over, he was in shock, and sat down on the campus. At this time, he was arrested by the Kent Police Department for refusing to disperse and ultimately spent the night in the Portage County Jail. He advised he and a female student named [REDACTED] were arrested together.

[REDACTED] was next questioned regarding a telephone call allegedly made by someone named [REDACTED] to 230 East Main Street, on Saturday, May 2, 1970, in which the caller asked for [REDACTED] and then talked to [REDACTED] who said the caller had claimed it took three flares to burn down the ROTC building. [REDACTED] stated that he did not recall this telephone call or [REDACTED] making such a statement. He identified the caller [REDACTED] as possibly [REDACTED] a student who was a friend of [REDACTED] who lived at [REDACTED] Ohio, near Kent, Ohio.

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The following is a description of [REDACTED]

Name

Aka

Race

Sex

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Height

Weight

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Mother

Father

Sister

Brother

Address

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Date _____

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[REDACTED]

[redacted] advised that he was not on campus during any demonstrations which had taken place on May 1, 1970, 1970, or May 4, 1970. He advised that on May 1, 1970 to see Woodstock with [redacted] girlfriend land, Ohio. He advised that they returned to io, sometime Saturday morning on May 2, 1970. He hat he did not leave the house at any time on May 2, e advised that while in the house on May 2, 1970, he d a telephone conversation of [redacted]

[REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED]
SA [REDACTED]

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He advised that none of the above individuals were presently residing at [REDACTED]. He stated that they had moved because some of them had been former SDS members. He advised that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were former SDS members. He also advised that they had moved because of the anticipated coming of the law and because the former members of the SDS were afraid that they may be suspects because of their past affiliation with SDS.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[REDACTED]
Home Address	[REDACTED]
	Akron, Ohio
Campus Address	[REDACTED]
	Kent, Ohio
Date of Birth	October 9, 1949
Place of Birth	Akron, Ohio
Social Security Number	[REDACTED]
Selective Service Number	[REDACTED]
Eyes	Hazel
Hair	Black
Height	5'9"
Weight	150 lbs.
Scars	[REDACTED]
Remarks	[REDACTED]
Lawyer	[REDACTED]

ATTACHED ARE CHARACTERIZATIONS OF
THE STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC
SOCIETY (SDS), PROGRESSIVE LABOR
PARTY (PLP), STUDENT MOBILIZATION
COMMITTEE (SMC) AND THE YOUNG
SOCIALIST ALLIANCE (YSA)

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

A source has advised that the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as presently regarded, came into being at a founding convention held June, 1962, at Port Huron, Michigan. From an initial posture of "participatory democracy" the line of the national leadership has revealed a growing Marxist-Leninist adherence which currently calls for the building of a revolutionary youth movement. Concurrently, the program of SDS has evolved from civil rights struggles to an anti-Vietnam war stance to an advocacy of a militant anti-imperialist position. China, Vietnam and Cuba are regarded as the leaders of worldwide struggles against United States imperialism whereas the Soviet Union is held to be revisionist and also imperialist.

At the June, 1969, SDS National Convention, Progressive Labor Party (PLP) forces in the organization were expelled. As a result, the National Office (NO) group maintained its National Headquarters at 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, and the PLP faction set up headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts. This headquarters subsequently moved to Boston. Each group elected its own national officers, which include three national secretaries and a National Interim Committee of eight. Both the NO forces and the PLP forces claim to be the true SDS. Both groups also print their versions of "New Left Notes" which sets forth the line and the program of the particular faction. The NO version of "New Left Notes" was recently printed under the title "The First Next Time" to achieve a broader mass appeal.

Two major factions have developed internally within the NO group, namely, the Weatherman or Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM) I faction, and the RYM II faction. Weatherman is action-oriented upholding Castro's position that the duty of revolutionaries is to make revolution. Weatherman is regarded by RYM II as an adventurist, elitist faction which denies the historical role of the working class as the base for revolution. RYM II maintains that revolution,

although desired, is not possible under present conditions, hence emphasizes organizing and raising the political consciousness of the working class upon whom they feel successful revolution depends. Although disclaiming control and domination by the Communist Party, USA, leaders in these two factions have in the past proclaimed themselves to be communists and to follow the precepts of a Marxist-Leninist philosophy, along pro-Chinese communist lines.

A second source has advised that the PLP faction which is more commonly known as the Worker Student Alliance is dominated and controlled by members of the PLP, who are required to identify themselves with the pro-Chinese Marxist-Leninist philosophy of the PLP. They advocate that an alliance between workers and students is vital to the bringing about of a revolution in the United States.

SDS regions and university and college chapters, although operating under the outlines of the SDS National Constitution, are autonomous in nature and free to carry out independent policy reflective of local conditions. Because of this autonomy internal struggles reflecting the major factional interests of SDS have occurred at the chapter level since the beginning of the 1968-70 school year.

A characterization of PLP is attached.

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PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY (PLP)

"The New York Times" city edition, Tuesday, April 20, 1965, page 27, reported that a new party of "revolutionary socialism" was formally founded on April 18, 1965, under the name of the PLP which had been known as the Progressive Labor Movement.

According to the article, "The Progressive Labor Movement was founded in 1962, by Milton Rosen and Mortimer Scheer after they were expelled from the Communist Party of the United States for assertedly following the Chinese Communist line."

A source advised on June 3, 1968, that the PLP held its Second National Convention in New York City, May 31 to June 2, 1968, at which time the PLP reasserted its objective of the establishment of a militant working class movement based on Marxism-Leninism. This is to be accomplished through the Party's over-all revolutionary strategy of raising the consciousness of the people and helping to provide ideological leadership in the working class struggle for state power.

The source also advised that at the Second National Convention Milton Rosen was unanimously re-elected National Chairman of the PLP and Levi Laub, Fred Jerome, Jared Israel, William Epton, Jacob Rosen, Jeffrey Gordon, and Walter Linder were elected as the National Committee to lead the PLP until the next convention.

The PLP publishes "Progressive Labor," a bimonthly magazine; "World Revolution," a quarterly periodical; and "Challenge-Desafio," a monthly newspaper.

The April, 1969, issue of "Challenge-Desafio" sets forth that "Challenge is dedicated to the peoples fight for a new way of life---where the working men and women control their own homes and factories; where they themselves make up the entire government on every level and control the schools, courts, police and all institutions which are not used to control them."

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Source advised on May 8, 1969, that the PLP utilizes an address of General Post Office Box 808, Brooklyn, New York, and also utilizes an office in Room 617, 1 Union Square West, New York, New York.

STUDENT MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE,
Also Known As
Student Mobilization Committee to
End the War in Vietnam;
National Student Mobilization Committee

A source advised on May 16, 1969, that the Student Mobilization Committee originally grew out of the National Student Strike for Peace conference held in Chicago, Illinois, on December 28-29, 1966, which resulted in a call for massive antiwar demonstrations in New York City and San Francisco, California, on April 15, 1967. The National Student Strike for Peace was originally called by the Communist Party. Divisions arose between elements of the Communist Party and the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), culminating in a take-over by the SWP element in the Summer of 1968 and the Communist Party element withdrawing. Source further advised the Student Mobilization Committee locally and nationally is controlled by the SWP and its youth arm, Young Socialist Alliance (YSA), as evidenced by their participation in Student Mobilization Committee functions and their leadership role played in the Student Mobilization Committee.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A report by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Ninetieth Congress, First Session, dated March 31, 1967, entitled "Communist Origin and Manipulation of Vietnam Week (April 8-15, 1967)" stated that the Student Mobilization Committee and the April 15, 1967, antiwar demonstrations were communist dominated and inspired.

A second source on April 3, 1969, made available a copy of "The Student Mobilizer" dated April 5, 1969, which was self-described as being published by the National Office of the Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, 857 Broadway, Room 307, New York, New York 10003. In this issue the aims of the Student Mobilization Committee were set forth as: Bring the GIs home from Vietnam now; end campus complicity with the war; and win self-determination for Vietnam and Black America.

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In this issue of the publication, the Student Mobilization Committee pledged itself to organize high school students, college students, future draftees, GIs and all young people to fight until every last GI is brought home.

A third source on August 5, 1969, advised that the Student Mobilization Committee currently occupies Room 307 at 857 Broadway, New York, New York.

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YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

A source advised on May 15, 1969, that the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) maintains its national headquarters at 41 Union Square West, New York, New York, and has as its official publication the "Young Socialist." The YSA is the youth organization of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) and has been described by the SWP as the main recruiting ground for the SWP.

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YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE
(YSA)
KENT, OHIO

A source on December 8, 1967, advised that a Kent, Ohio Branch of the Young Socialist Alliance was being formed at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, at that time. Source said that YSA previously had a branch at KSU in 1964 and 1965.

A second source advised on May 9, 1968, that the Kent Branch of the YSA is affiliated with the National YSA organization, follows its policies and directives, and is close to the Socialist Workers Party (SWP). This source advised that activities of this branch are aimed at obtaining membership on college campuses, and it claims to be independent of the SWP.

A third source advised on May 20, 1969, that a number of current SWP members in Cleveland, Ohio, were former members of the YSA in Kent, Ohio.

A fourth source advised on May 9, 1969, that the current membership of the YSA at Kent is approximately 10 to 12 members, who hold meetings on the KSU campus approximately once per week.

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